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# Mechanical engineering June UK and export orders up Companies remain cautious but Q2 finishes with better results than it started

June reports on enquiry and order levels built on the improved May results so that Q2 ended on a much higher note than seemed likely in April according to the Engineering and Machinery Alliance's (EAMA) Business Monitor.

Martin Walder, EAMA chairman: "The common theme round the improvements on enquiry and order numbers was the reduction in the share of firms reporting falls. This combined with small increases in the number of companies reporting gains in export business and significant improvements in UK activity to produce some of the best balances of the year so far.

"Not unexpectedly this also produced better confidence numbers which had turned negative in May after running low in March and April.

"It's far too early to tell what impact the Summer Budget will have. Obviously the commitment to a permanent £200,000 Annual Investment Allowance is welcome and it would be churlish not to recognise the intention to reduce Corporation Tax, but the real details in how to improve long term UK investment in public and private are bound up in reviews that will be reporting later in the year. It's not clear how SMEs' views, as well as those of large companies are to be take into account, so at the moment we expect confidence to be more muted than it would be if their involvement were plainly flagged.

"The Government's Productivity Plan has many good things in it such as the proposed infrastructure plan and the commitment to increase apprenticeship numbers and some of these elements do take SME views into account such as apprenticeship vouchers and the abolition of NICs for apprentices under the age of 25.

"We would like to see the same involvement in other areas such as exporting, commercialising innovation and protecting intellectual property in the value chain. Clearly it can be done."

(ends - data attached)

#### **Notes to editors:**

- EAMA's 13 trade associations represent 1,900+ firms: Agricultural Engineers Association, -- British Automation and Robot Association – British Compressed Air Society -- British Fluid Power Association -- British Paper Machinery Suppliers Association -- British Plastics Federation -- British Turned Part Manufacturers Association – Gambica --Gauge and Toolmakers Association -- Manufacturing Technologies Association -- Printing Industry Confederation -- Processing and Packaging Machinery Association -- UK Industrial Vision Association

  There's no December Monitor as the business period for many firms is only a three-week span.
- The Monitor records the proportion of firms in each category, not the number of enquiries, orders etc Monitor reports for 2010-2011 are available on the EAMA website: www.eama.org.uk

### **The Monitor**

1 Prospects/enquiries

Month		UP	S	AME	DO	WN	UP/DOW	N Difference
	UK	Export	UK	Export	UK	Export	UK	Export
January 2012	33	26	49	55	18	19	+15	+7
February	43	33	48	56	9	11	+34	+26
March	42	22	50	68	8	10	+34	+12
April	33	25	46	51	21	24	+12	+1
May	33	24	47	43	20	33	+13	-9
June	25	20	45	54	30	26	-5	-6
July	24	17	52	52	24	31	0	-14
August	29	17	41	43	30	40	-1	-23
September	31	26	45	50	24	24	+7	+2
October	39	23	45	56	16	21	+23	+2
November	31	28	42	48	27	24	+4	+4
January 2013	39	25	43	60	18	15	+21	+10
February	39	38	41	44	20	18	+19	+20
March	27	26	56	61	17	13	+10	+13
April	35	30	46	58	19	12	+16	+18
May	38	26	45	57	16	17	+22	+9
June	29	25	55	67	16	8	+13	+17
July	42	38	44	57	14	5	+28	+33
August	26	9	45	54	29	37	-3	-28
September	53	31	36	54	11	15	+42	+16
October	47	33	41	56	12	11	+35	+21
November	38	28	51	58	11	13	+27	+15
January 2014	51	38	39	53	10	9	+41	+29
February	38	34	53	56	9	10	+29	+24
March	52	38	36	54	12	8	+40	+30
April	46	53	44	39	10	8	+36	+45
May	42	34	41	54	17	12	+25	+22
June	34	24	52	54	14	22	+20	+2
July	35	31	50	50	15	19	+20	+12
August	21	20	50	58	29	22	-8	-2
September	46	37	43	51	11	12	+35	+25
October	37	25	47	46	16	29	+21	-4
November	29	23	53	57	18	20	+9	+3
January 2015	33	28	40	46	27	27	+6	+2
February	32	32	52	48	16	20	+16	+12
March	32	26	47	31	21	43	+11	-17
April	24	25	52	52	24	23	0	+2
May	31	28	40	55	29	17	+2	+11
June	39	29	47	60	14	11	+25	+18

#### 2 Order intake

2 Order Intake Month	1 (	JP	SAME		DC	WN	UP/DOWN Difference		
	UK	Export	UK	Export	UK	Export	UK	Export	
January 2012	42	40	34	44	24	16	+18	+24	
February	40	35	35	39	25	26	+15	+9	
March	44	35	35	42	21	23	+23	+12	
April	24	21	43	43	33	36	-9	-15	
May	42	26	37	34	21	40	+21	-14	
June	24	24	24	43	52	33	-28	-9	
July	30	31	39	38	31	31	-1	0	
August	23	10	33	43	44	47	-21	-37	
September	31	29	32	29	38	42	-7	-13	
October	34	15	47	50	19	35	+15	-20	
November	28	35	26	37	47	28	-19	+7	
January 2013	44	30	29	38	27	32	+17	-2	
February	37	35	23	47	40	18	-3	+17	
March	44	37	36	40	20	23	+24	+14	
April	45	33	29	38	26	29	+19	+4	
May	40	25	32	46	28	29	+12	-4	
June	34	35	35	43	31	22	+3	+13	
July	38	33	38	43	24	24	+14	+9	
August	22	22	32	38	46	40	-24	-18	
September	40	28	29	48	31	24	+9	+4	
October	48	30	30	45	22	25	+26	+5	
November	30	26	46	45	24	28	+6	-2	
January 2014	53	40	26	45	21	15	+32	+25	
February	33	35	40	37	27	28	+6	+7	
March	45	38	33	37	22	25	+23	+13	
April	30	39	42	43	28	18	+2	+21	
May	42	26	29	49	29	25	+13	+1	
June	44	30	36	42	20	28	+24	+2	
July	32	32	40	40	28	28	+4	+4	
August	25	9	28	46	48	45	-20	-36	
September	41	39	35	41	24	20	+17	+19	
October	42	30	31	34	27	36	+15	-6	
November	27	26	33	40	40	34	-13	-8	
January 2015	42	30	21	44	37	26	+5	+4	
February	38	35	38	44	24	21	+14	+14	
March	33	37	33	38	34	25	-1	+12	
April	28	32	34	36	38	32	-10	0	
May	35	33	32	33	33	34	+2	-1	
June	45	35	25	41	30	24	+15	+11	

#### 3 Jobs in the UK

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Month	UP	SAME	DOWN	UP – DOWN					
January 2012	29	63	8	+21					
February	18	68	14	+4					
March	34	62	4	+30					
April	35	61	4	+31					
May	20	69	11	+9					
June	23	64	13	+10					
July	34	61	5	+29					
August	31	60	9	+22					
September	19	71	10	+9					
October	22	62	16	+6					
November	25	56	19	+6					
January 2013	6	81	13	-7					
February	24	66	10	+14					
March	14	82	4	+10					
April	17	75	8	+9					
May	18	75	7	+11					
June	17	75	8	+9					
July	33	60	7	+26					
August	20	70	10	+10					
September	16	77	7	+9					
October	32	66	2	+30					
November	15	85	0	+15					
January 2014	27	70	3	+24					
February	33	61	6	+27					
March	23	68	9	+14					
April	18	76	6	+12					
May	26	72	2	+24					
June	38	57	5	+33					
July	44	53	3	+41					
August	24	67	9	+15					
September	34	63	3	+31					
October	12	74	14	-2					
November	29	59	12	+17					
January 2015	44	52	4	+40					
February	15	75	10	+5					
March	28	67	5	+23					
April	28	69	3	+25					
May	32	60	8	+24					
June	21	72	7	+14					

**4 Investment Activity** 

4 investment Ac	July	1	1		I	
Month	Investment stopped	Plans deferred	Developing projects	Investing in all areas	Investing in staff	Other
January 2012	3	14	26	42	9	6
February	4	4	32	45	11	4
March	2	14	39	32	7	6
April	8	12	37	31	8	4
May	4	15	36	30	13	2
June	13	14	29	27	14	3
July	9	13	27	39	5	7
August	3	15	41	23	12	6
September	13	4	46	25	4	8
October	5	13	40	24	13	5
November	17	8	31	29	9	6
January 2013	14	17	41	14	10	4
February	6	6	34	23	25	6
March	2	9	42	33	7	7
April	0	11	33	35	11	10
May	0	5	43	34	9	9
June	6	3	37	37	11	6
July	3	7	33	40	13	4
August	10	3	32	45	7	3
September	0	7	50	36	7	0
October	0	6	47	33	6	8
November	0	6	41	44	6	3
January 2014	5	0	37	47	3	8
February	0	14	33	39	6	8
March	6	6	35	41	6	6
April	6	6	18	46	18	6
May	5	5	28	46	16	0
June	7	3	28	47	9	6
July	6	0	38	44	12	0
August	5	0	47	38	5	5
September	9	0	44	38	3	6
October	16	6	31	25	19	3
November	3	6	18	39	27	6
January 2015	17	4	10	59	7	3
February	8	8	13	38	23	10
March	13	11	18	45	5	8
April	0	8	28	42	17	5
May	11	5	26	40	13	5
June	8	5	33	46	5	3

| June | 8 | Notes: choice of statements in full:
| All investment activity stopped | Investment plans deferred

Developing projects but not committing to them Investing in all areas of the business

Investing in staff development and training but not capital investment Other

**5 Capital Availability** 

5 Capital A		Difficult	About	the same	E	asier	Difficult / easier Balance		
	Working	Investment	Working	Investment	Working	Investment	Working	Investment	
January 2012	21	27	68	70	11	3	-10	-24	
February	10	9	90	91	0	0	-10	-9	
March	11	10	83	86	6	4	-5	-6	
April	17	13	75	85	8	2	-9	-11	
May	17	18	78	78	5	4	-12	-14	
June	16	16	80	79	4	5	-12	-11	
July	11	7	87	87	2	6	-9	-1	
August	9	13	87	87	4	0	-5	-13	
September	13	9	81	89	6	2	-7	-7	
October	13	8	82	92	5	0	-8	-8	
November	14	10	82	84	4	6	-10	-4	
January 2013	21	18	75	75	4	7	-17	-11	
February	11	11	78	81	11	8	0	-3	
March	11	16	84	84	5	0	-6	-16	
April	17	15	77	83	6	2	-9	-13	
May	5	8	90	92	5	0	0	-8	
June	8	6	86	83	6	11	-2	+5	
July	3	0	90	93	7	7	+4	+7	
August	9	13	82	87	9	0	0	-13	
September	7	7	90	84	3	7	-4	0	
October	5	5	95	92	0	3	-5	-2	
November	6	3	91	91	3	6	-3	+3	
January 2014	8	3	73	86	19	11	+11	+8	
February	11	6	81	88	8	6	-3	0	
March	6	6	82	88	12	6	+6	0	
April	9	3	76	82	15	15	+6	+12	
May	15	15	72	75	13	10	-2	-5	
June	3	6	72	72	25	22	+22	+16	
July	3	3	78	87	19	10	+16	+7	
August	14	0	86	90	0	10	-14	+10	
September	6	3	86	89	9	9	+3	+6	
October	0	12	88	82	12	6	+12	-6	
November	12	9	79	79	9	12	-3	+3	
January 2015	7	4	90	86	3	10	-4	+6	
February	13	11	79	81	8	8	-5	-3	
March	11	14	86	83	3	3	-8	-11	
April	3	8	86	86	11	5	+8	-3	
May	5	5	84	90	11	5	+6	0	
June	5	13	92	82	3	3	-2	-8	

Monthly change in confidence (%)

			ence (%)		1					1	
2010	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov
Up	37	46	62	29	25	42	32	24	44	28	42
Same	53	40	38	50	63	50	50	61	47	61	51
Down	10	14	0	21	12	8	18	15	9	11	7
Balance	+27	+32	+62	+8	+13	+34	+14	+9	+35	+17	+35
2011											
Up	46	45	48	14	23	39	24	18	28	15	19
Same	48	53	46	51	58	56	50	58	60	70	70
Down	6	2	6	35	19	5	26	24	12	15	11
Balance	+40	+43	+42	-21	+4	+34	-2	-6	+16	0	+8
2012											
Up	32	43	32	22	16	11	16	18	25	31	20
Same	62	49	66	62	64	60	51	58	56	53	71
Down	6	8	2	16	20	29	33	24	19	16	9
Balance	+26	+35	+30	+6	-4	-18	-17	-6	+6	+15	+11
2013											
Up	28	15	10	22	31	25	38	23	46	33	23
Same	56	65	72	60	60	61	56	67	42	54	68
Down	12	20	18	18	9	14	6	10	12	13	9
Balance	+16	-5	-8	+4	+22	+11	+32	+13	+34	+20	+14
2014											
Up	46	38	31	31	38	35	27	15	31	32	24
Same	45	57	61	58	48	55	62	62	59	46	61
Down	9	3	8	11	14	10	11	23	10	22	15
Balance	+37	+35	+23	+20	+24	+25	+16	-8	+21	+10	+9
2015											
Up	44	29	27	24	23	30					
Same	27	52	49	59	52	48					
Down	29	19	24	17	25	21					
Balance	+15	+10	+3	+7	-2	+9					