



December 2015

Mechanical and Electrical Engineering - UK

“The M&E sector has suffered for a prolonged period, with the recession reducing demand significantly, and the subsequent flat economy failing to rectify the situation. This led to severe price competition and the low cost price legacy is proving hard to shift even as the new construction sector has returned ...

Industrial Fasteners - UK

“Automakers are taking measures to reduce the weight of vehicles with the drive to greater fuel efficiency. This has increased demand for more light-weight fasteners, with automotive manufacturers increasingly replacing steel fasteners with aluminium fasteners. This trend is set to continue to drive innovation in the fastener sector over the ...

November 2015

Defence Industry - UK

“The government’s commitment to spend the NATO-recommended 2% of GDP on the defence sector until 2020 has allowed the industry to plan its operations going forward. However, the western world’s growing tension with Russia, the global threat of terrorism, and emerging cyber security dangers provide a reminder of the changeable ...

October 2015

Aerospace Industry - UK

“The UK has invested in innovation and built on its established institutional knowledge to ensure a highly developed aerospace sector, enabling it to attract investment both domestically and internationally on high-value work packages. For the UK to continue to compete globally, continued investment in high-value design, skills, innovation and capacity ...

September 2015

Consulting Engineers - UK

“The reform of the Highway Agency, now known as Highways England, should give contractors and consultants the confidence to recruit and train the skilled workers required to deliver the increase in transport projects over the coming years. The reform should also result in quicker, more efficient delivery, as work will ...

August 2015



Public Expenditure - UK

“Public spending as a percentage of GDP is set to further reduce during the current parliament from just under 41% to a projected 36.3% by 2019/20. Nonetheless, opportunities for private companies in public sector service provision remain aplenty, reflecting the continued drive for efficient service provision. Justice, defence ...

March 2015

Agricultural Machinery - UK

“The UK market for agricultural machinery is expected to contract by 3% in real terms in 2015, as falling commodity prices in 2014 are likely to negatively affect spending levels during the current year. Between 2016 and 2019 agricultural machinery demand is anticipated to demonstrate moderate annual growth. Market development ...

February 2015

Railway Engineering - UK

“Network Rail is currently undertaking its ‘biggest investment in rail infrastructure since the Victorian era’, which is driven by capacity requirements and the modernisation of the UK rail network. However, recent delays in engineering works have highlighted continued shortcomings by Network Rail to deliver work on time. The rail operator ...