



## December 2015

### Underground Pipes - UK

“Underground pipes are used for a variety of end uses, and demand is therefore a factor of the investment decisions or economic performance of these end-use markets. Influences on end-use markets are varied and not always dependent on the growth of the wider economy, so market fluctuations rarely follow economic ...

### Tubes and Pipes - UK

“Continued investment by the utility sectors, albeit now at lower levels than in the post-privatisation period, combined with stronger demand from the manufacturing sector and particularly the highly cyclical construction sector, are contributing to growing demand for tubes and pipes. The construction sector, as always, is exaggerating GDP development, and ...

## September 2015

### Thermal Insulation - UK

“Thermal insulation installers are increasingly adopting a multi measure approach, ranging from insulation through to heating, plumbing and renewables. Companies are also branching out from the retrofit market to different new build and commercial sectors. This strategy is designed to counteract volatility in the retro-fit sector caused by the stop-start ...

### Plumbing Products - UK

“Wider economic conditions suggest that the plumbing products market is set for growth, yet this has yet to materialise to date despite equally strong conditions. The elements of the central heating market reliant on replacement sales continue to need government support to encourage consumers to make purchase decisions. Carbon emission ...

## 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 ...

## June 2015

### Ceramic Tiles - UK

“The underlying market conditions are now strongly favourable for ceramic tiles, but substitute materials continue to offset some growth. Ultimately, long-term fashion trends, such as laminate flooring and splash boards, are only partially offsetting the more positive influences of en-suite bathrooms, conservatories and the overall market drivers of house building ...

## May 2015



## **Residential Windows and Doors - UK**

“The residential windows, doors and conservatory market has returned to some buoyancy following the economic downturn and subsequent flat economy. The new construction element of the market is set for a period of strong growth as existing buoyancy is still being compared with low levels of construction. Political pressures to ...

## **March 2015**

### **Construction - UK**

“The construction market consistently exaggerates economic development when there is an upturn, which often leads to prolific market growth. This inevitably means that skills shortages emerge, with material shortages also reported in the house building sector, which was the first to emerge from the previous downturn.”

– **Terry Leggett ...**