

Primetals Technologies UK is required by law to publish an annual gender pay gap report.

**Our Data**

This is our report for the snapshot date of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

- The mean gender pay gap for Primetals Technologies UK is 29.0%
- The median gender pay gap for Primetals Technologies UK is 21.5%
- The mean gender bonus gap for Primetals Technologies UK is 66.8%
- The median gender bonus gap for Primetals Technologies UK is 50%
- The proportion of male employees in Primetals Technologies UK receiving a bonus was 20%
- The proportion of female employees in Primetals Technologies UK receiving a bonus was 16%

Pay quartiles by gender

Number of individuals	Male	Female
Band A (Below LQ)	67.8%	32.2%
Band B (Between LQ and Med)	80.4%	19.6%
Band C (Between Med and UQ)	87.2%	12.8%
Band D (Above UQ)	93.2%	6.8%

The figures set out above have been calculated using the standard methodologies used in the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017.

This data reflects the individuals employed by our UK organisation but also includes the Company's Global Head Quarters which is based in the UK and therefore is treated as part of the same legal entity.

**What are the underlying causes of Primetals Technologies UK' gender pay gap?**

Primetals Technologies UK. are committed to the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment for all employees, regardless of sex, race, religion or belief, age, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity, sexual orientation, gender assignment or disability. We believe in paying employees equally for the same or equivalent work, regardless of their sex (or any other characteristic set out above). As such, we:

- Carry out pay and benefits audits at regular intervals;
- Evaluate job roles and pay grades as necessary to ensure a fair structure;
- Review each individual according to performance;
- Have clearly defined recruitment programmes;
- Adopt flexible working practices;

Primetals Technologies UK are confident that our gender pay gap does not stem from paying men and women differently for the same or equivalent work. Rather, the gender pay gap is the result of the roles in which men and women work within the organisation and the salaries that these roles attract.

This can be seen above in the table depicting pay quartiles by gender. This shows Primetals Technologies UK workforce divided into four equal sized groups based on hourly pay rates, with Band A including the lowest-paid 32.2% of employees (the lower quartile).

We remain an organisation with gender divide - less than 20% of our employees are female. This is particularly low at senior levels (shown in the upper quartile figures – Band D and Band C). We have, however, been active in addressing the pay for our female employees working across organisation which has ensured that there is no Gender Pay Gap where there is a mix of both genders working in equivalent roles. We remain committed to our practice of promoting candidates based on performance, behaviour, experience and ability.

Across the UK economy as a whole, men are more often in senior roles at the top of the organisation where the positions are not available on a part time basis. This affects the number of women that can fulfil these roles due to childcare commitments. At Primetals, we have a flexible working policy that applies to all employees and have seen an increase in the number of male employees requesting part time and flexible working, whether this be relating to Family Leave, with a number of our male employees taking our generous Shared Parental Leave options, or selecting to work more flexibly to spend time during the week with their families.

### **Industry Specific Commentary**

Primetals Technologies UK operate within a specialised Industry of Project Based Design Engineering. The gender pay gap of other companies within this sector is believed to be of a similar level to those of our organisation.

*The Womens Engineering Society (WES) statistics document (compiled from a number of sources revised in June 2021), suggests that women make up only 14.5% of all engineers. Although this is an increase compared to 2016 when it was only 6%. This is still considered low.*

*Further to this the underrepresentation of women in senior roles accounts for more than 40% of the gap with around 8% and 9% of Engineers at the top of the organisations.*

*The number of women whom leave engineering after having a child is unknown but the research suggests that there is a significant number because “57% of female engineers drop off the register of professional engineers under the age of 45, compared to just 17% of male engineers”.*

There is also a recognised cultural shift required within this sector and at Primetals Technologies UK, we have begun to tackle this starting at the Senior Leadership level, with a shift in mind set and behaviours as part of a wider investment in the development of our business. The Senior Leadership team are committed to continue to review and to address the leadership gap identified and the gender pay differences where possible.

### **The Bonus Scheme Data**

Primetals Technologies UK is pleased to include participation into a bonus scheme within the terms and conditions of all of our employees. The majority of our employees are included in our “All Employee bonus scheme” where each individual receives the same bonus opportunity and results are calculated on a Company level. There is therefore complete equity within this scheme and so no gender bonus gap.

However, due to the pandemic, the company did not make a payment for the “All Employee Scheme” during this year.

A smaller group of employees participate in the “Senior Management bonus scheme”. The Management Bonus was paid as this was a Global Scheme. This is a graduated scheme with the bonus opportunity increasing linked to the seniority of the position within the organisation. As there is a higher percentage of our senior managers who are male, we do see a gender bonus gap in this area however we have already seen improvements in this area and hope to continue to do so. The gap is further increased through the inclusion of our Global Headquarters team with our reporting figures, with additional very senior positions added to the data reported in respect of our UK organisation.

**What are Primetals Technologies UK doing to address its gender pay gap?**

Primetals Technologies UK are committed to addressing the gender pay gap across the organisation. In recent years, the figures reported have seen a significant improvement as a direct result of actions taken by the business to address the issues. However, these figures have been affected over the past 2 years.

Taking a closer look to understand the causes of our statistics, we understand that this could partly be attributed to factors such as higher levels of experience and service amongst male employees and also location; with the high proportion of male employees based in our London headquarters.

Although some explanation came from the above points, it did not account for the whole picture and direct actions have been taken where concerns remained. In addition, we are continuing what will be a longer-term process to understand our Gender Pay Gap with the commitment to making steady improvements.

A core focus for us has always been to attract and retain talented employees, believing that our people are at the heart of our success. As such, we regularly review performance and promotion practices and have now extended this to include evidence based data to review the proportions of men and women recruited, promoted and leaving the organisation, the take up of flexible working practices and the retention of employees returning from family friendly leave and/or career breaks – options available to eligible male and female employees equally.

**I, Stephen Brown, CEO – UK Operating Companies, Primetals Technologies, confirm that the information in this statement is accurate.**



**Signed**

**Date** 15.03.2022