

What happened?

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Carillion collapsed as a result of "recklessness, hubris and greed" among <u>directors</u> who put their own financial rewards ahead of all other concerns, according to an excoriating report into the firm's demise that spreads the blame between <u>board members</u>, the government, accountants and regulators.

The <u>auditors</u>, <u>KPMG</u>, were useless, as was the audit industry's passive <u>regulator</u>. The <u>government</u>, in the form of the Crown Representative, was asleep. The <u>Pensions</u> <u>Regulator</u> was feeble. <u>City advisers</u> to Carillion were paid to be supine. Big <u>shareholders</u> were not inquisitive. None of those judgments will surprise those who followed the evidence sessions, but the MPs' report will count for little unless it forces action from government. Three areas are priorities.



"recklessness, hubris and greed"— Carillion slammed by MPs

Carillion finance director, Richard Adam

<u>First</u>, reform the auditing industry. The public lost faith in auditors when HBOS and Royal Bank of Scotland collapsed without a squeak of warning from the people signing off the accounts. Now there's Carillion, where the report accuses KMPG, which had the auditing gig for 19 years, of failing to exercise professional scepticism - the basic requirement of the job.

<u>Second</u>, Get the Competition and Markets Authority to look at two specific proposals: a breakup of the big four auditors or a separation of the auditing arms from their consultancy operations.

<u>Third</u>, Concentration in this market has now reached absurd levels – the big four are auditors to 97% of FTSE 350 companies.

Timeline and Overview

1999 Spin-off Listed in LSE ทุนจดทะเบียน £163M.

2000-2005

มีนโยบาย เติบโต ด้วยการ ซื้อกิจการ

2006

ซื้อ Mowlem (GW £430M.)



2008

ชื่อ Alfred McAlpine (GW £615M.) ปี 2008

มี GW 30% ของสินทรัพย์ รวม

2011

ชื่อ Eaga (GW £329M.)

เพื่อขยายธุรกิจไป ตะวันออกกลาง

สิ้นปี 2011 มี GW £1,431M. (39%ของสินทรัพย์ รวม)

Equity £982.5M.

2012-2016

Carillion's debt Average net borrowing (£m)

> สัญญาโครงการ มีปัญหาล่าช้า

การเงินเริ่มขาด สภาพคล่อง

ผู้ถือหุ้นบางราย เริ่มขายหุ้น



2017

- **Finance Director** คนใหม่พบข้อสงสัยในงบการเงิน
- KPMG re-audit
- ตั้งด้อยค่ารวม £1,204M.
- ตั้ง pension เพิ่ม £120M.
- ราคาหุ้นตก (£187.5>> £55.45)

2018

บริษัทปิดตัวลง ในเดือนมกราคม 2018 พร้อมกับ หนี้สิน £1,5xxM.

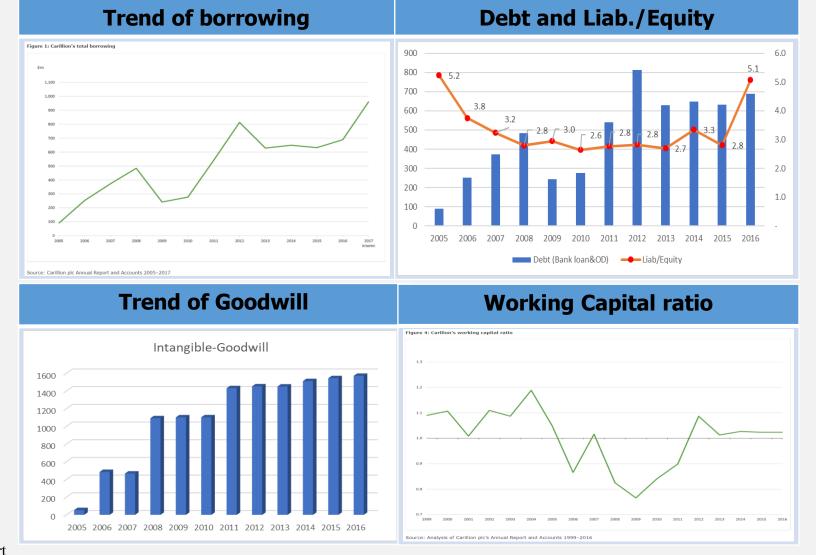






Warning Signs

Financial Information



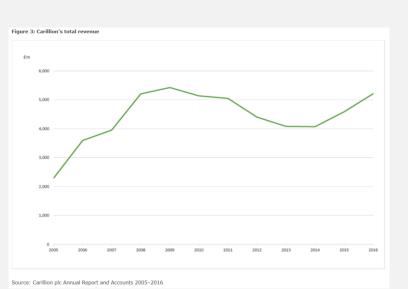
Source: Carillion's Annual report

Warning Signs

Accounting Policy

Revenue Recognition from "traded not certified"

Aggressive Revenue
Recognition from
Construction contract

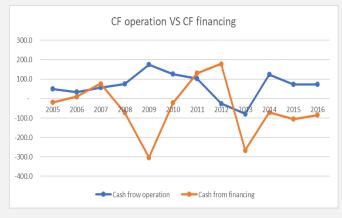


Misclassification of liabilities









Underestimated provision

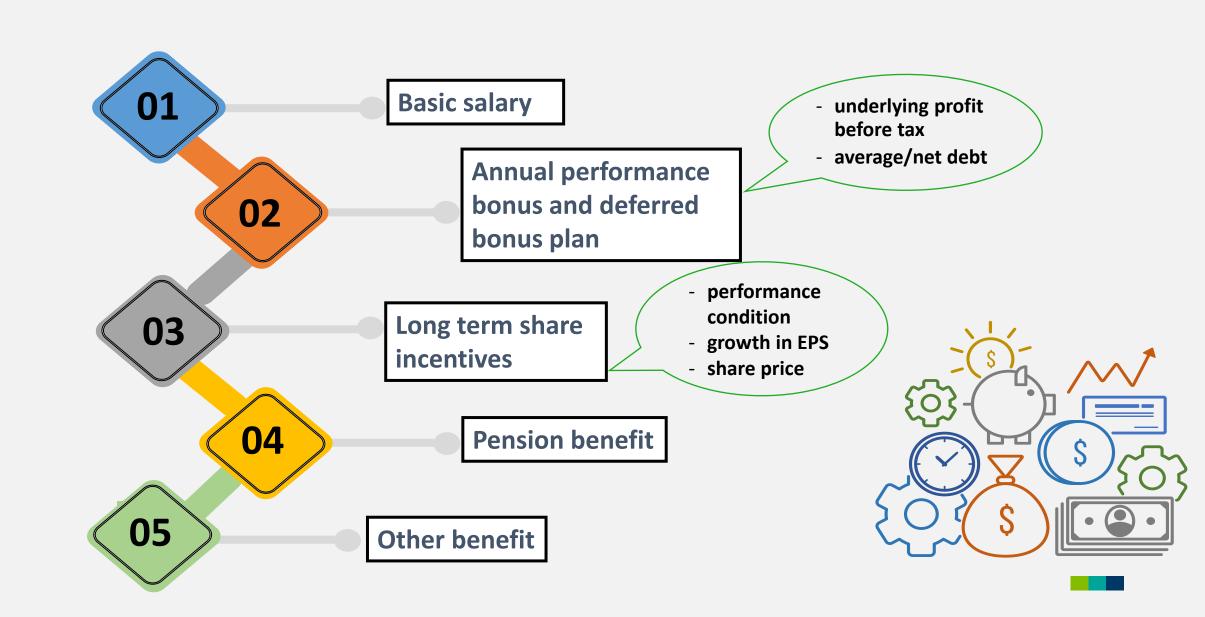
- for pension
- for doubtful A/R
- for goodwill impairment

ปี 2017 ผู้สอบบัญชีตรวจสอบใหม่พบว่า

- มีด้อยค[่]าลูกหนี้สัญญาก่อสร้าง และหนี้สินจากสัญญาที่สร้างภาระ รวมมูลค่า £1,045M.
- ตั้งด้อยค่า Goodwill เพิ่ม £134M.
- ตั้ง pension ขาดไป £120M.
- มีขาดทุนสะสม £1,019M.



Remuneration Policy



What didn't auditor do?



Other Stakeholder

Management



- Vision, leadership and Responsibilities
- Business knowledge -
- Integrity

Audit committee



- Business knowledge and Responsibilities
- Following Regulator publication e.g. firm's quality inspection

Internal Audit



- Reporting and
 Advising key weakness
 on governance, internal control and financial reporting process
 Ongoing risk
- assessment & management

Regulator



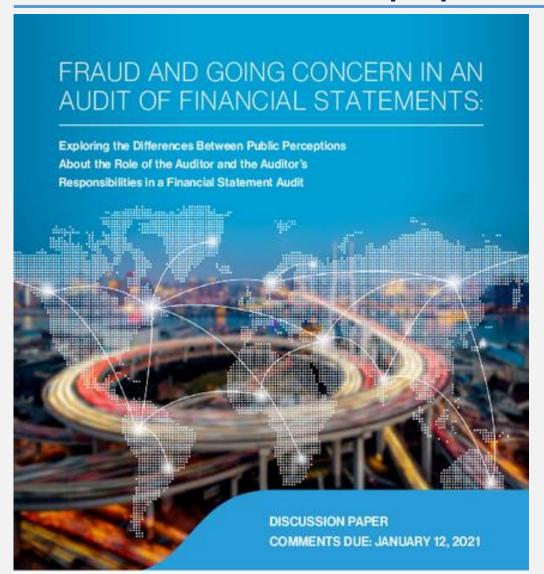
- Too Passive
- Only take action against management with accounting qualifications (limitation on law & regulation)

Investor



- Monitor performance
- Checking on the effectiveness of leadership and quality of reporting

IAASB discussion paper





Toshiba Corporation (2015), Japan

Overstated operating profits by more than \$1.2 billion in a scandal that began in 2008 and spanned 7 years.



Steinhoff International Holdings NV (2017), South Africa

A fraud investigation uncovered billions of dollars of fictitious/ irregular transactions.



Carillion (2018), United Kingdom

The company's collapse left £2 billion owed to its suppliers and £2.6 billion in pension liabilities.



Luckin Coffee (2019), China

Fraudulently inflated sales by 2.1 billion yuan (over \$300 million), which resulted in the company being delisted from the US Nasdaq exchange.







Wirecard (2020), Germany

Filed for insolvency after admitting that approximately \$2.6 billion of assets on the company's balance sheet likely did not exist.





"KNOWLEDGE GAP"

The difference between what the public thinks auditors do and what auditors actually do. This recognizes that the public may misunderstand the role of auditors and the requirements of the auditing standards.

"PERFORMANCE GAP"

Where auditors do not do what auditing standards or regulations require due to the complexity of certain auditing standards (i.e. unclear requirements) or differences in interpretation of auditing standard or regulatory requirements between practitioners and regulators.*

"EVOLUTION GAP"

Areas of the audit where there is a need for evolution, taking into consideration the general public's demand, technological advances, and how the overall audit process could be enhanced to add more value.



AUDIT
"EXPECTATION GAP"

Thank you