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Volkswagen in meltdown after faked diesel tests

rivers face mass recall as share price crashes

Neil Lee Industrial Editor
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Indebted thousands of Volkswagen
owners in Britain are facing a mass
recall of their vehicles after the scandal
unfolding the carmaker spread around
world yesterday.
The German company admitted that
hundreds of its cars worldwide were
fitted with a scam in which it delib-
erately cheated the testing of its diesel
engines for toxic emissions.
V Group suffered a heavy blow on
stockmarket stock exchange, with its
share price falling by 20 per cent for the
second consecutive day. A total of
1.1 million cars have now been wiped off
the company since the start of
the crisis.

Friday the US Environmental
Protection Agency said that VW diesel
engines had much higher emissions than
advertised and that software
manipulated diesel cars could deceive
owners. Half a million cars in the US
road. The agency found a
"device" that allowed diesel VW
engines to cheat tests than they
were driving normally.

New York attorney-general has
ordered an investigation into the
scandal. In Britain, the Department
of Transport also called on the EU to
investigate, amid fears that other
car makers may have been cheating
in tests.
The European Commission's
Michael Hoenes, VW's American chief,
said that officials must "take
swift action to avoid a reoccu-

rence". He added "Public confidence is
vital".

The commission said that it was
waiting for the outcome of an investi-
gation by the German government into
VW and some of the country's other
manufacturers. It confirmed, however,
that it would reform the EU emission
testing regime early next year.

VW has announced that it is to set
aside €6.5 billion to correct emission
"discrepancies", potential fines from
regulators and possible legal claims
from customers or rivals.

The company's British operation said
that it had not received orders from
global headquarters in Wolfsburg over
how it should be communicating with
its customers or whether there would
be recalls of cars to adjust those whose
nitrogen oxide levels are above the
permitted 180mg/km. Emissions are
known to be a cause of respiratory
conditions such as asthma.

The diesel models under investi-
gation for having software designed to
mislead regulators are the VW Golf,
Beetle, Passat, and Jetta built between
2009 and last year. In the VW sister
brand, the Audi A3 is also implicated.
VW Group indicated that models in its
other volume brands, Skoda and Seat,
may also be under scrutiny.

VW Group is by some way the biggest
seller of cars, and of diesel variants, in
Britain. VW, Audi, Skoda and Seat
account for about a fifth of all UK new
car sales — about 500,000 a year.

As speculation grew over whether
other carmakers had been engaging in
similar practices, shares in BMW and in
Daimler, the maker of Mercedes-Benz,
also fell.

Michael Hoenes, VW's American chief,
had said earlier: "Our company was
disappointed to learn that the
Department of Health urged NHS
trusts and academics to avoid the
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WH Smith is forced to end hospital shop 'rip-off'

Lucy Rannerman, Neil Johnson

WH Smith will cut the cost of some
goods in its hospital shops after it
emerged that patients and visitors
were often charged more than on the
high street.

Get-well-soon cars were sold at
the retailer's branch at Bristol Royal
Infirmary for nearly twice as much as a
high street outlet nearby, an investi-
gation by The Times found last month.

A packet of Mince's chocolates cost
£2.99 in WH Smith at Morriston hospi-
tal in Swansea compared with £2 at the
nearest high street branch; a can of
Coca-Cola was 90p in the same hospital
but 65p elsewhere.

The revelations led to claims that
customers in hospitals — many of them
sick or under strain — were being
"ripped-off", despite having little choice
about where to shop.

WH Smith has signalled that prices
will be checked to ensure that the
difference between identical items in
hospital and high street shops is no
more than 1-2 per cent.

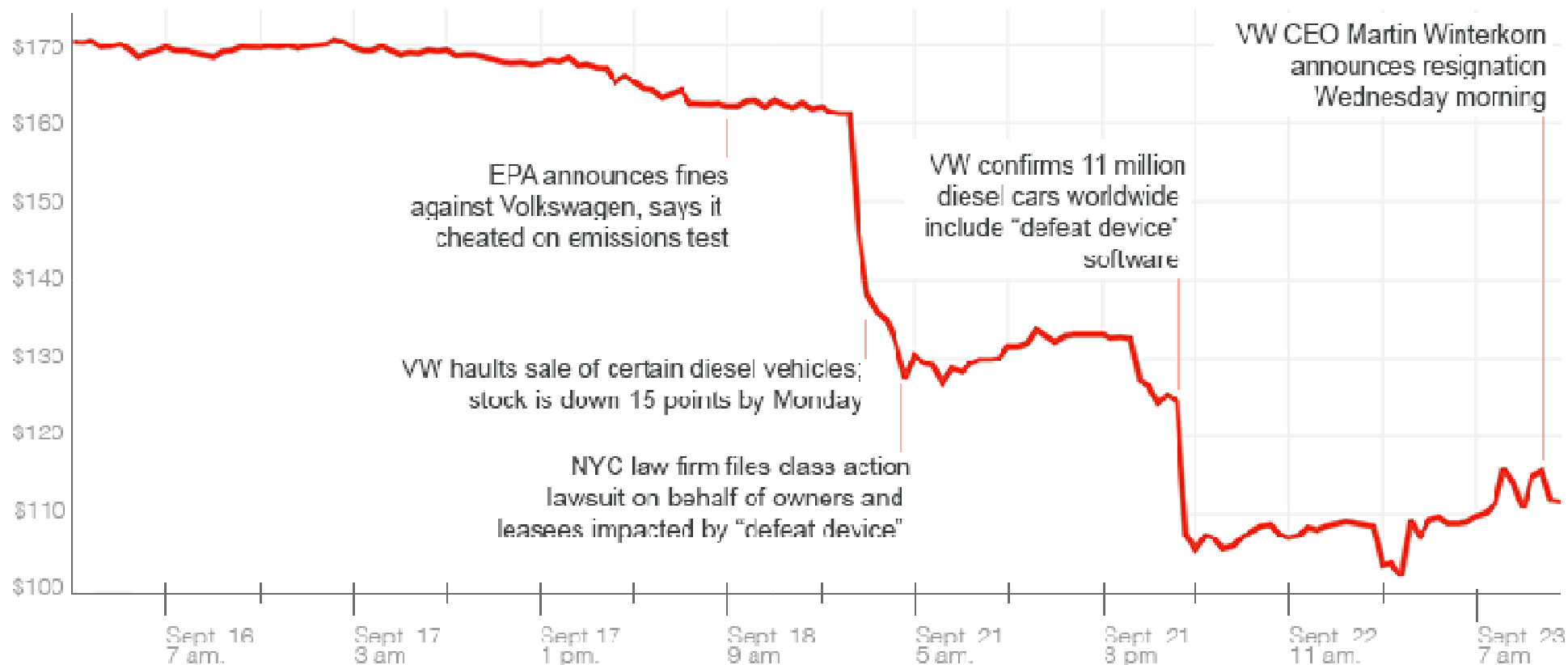
The retailer said that it would extend
promotions to hospital outlets, so that
all customers had the benefit of the
same reduced prices.

Paula Sheriff, the MP who led calls to
end price rises that she described as
outrageous and immoral, welcomed
the assurances yesterday and urged
other retailers to follow suit. Significant
mark-ups were also discovered by The
Times at Marks & Spencer hospital
shops, though M&S said yesterday that
it had no plans to alter its approach.

"Hopefully, these companies will
now think twice before putting up
prices in hospital shops," said Ms
Sheriff, the Labour MP for Dewsbury
and Marfield who sits on the health
select committee. "I look forward to
meeting with Marks & Spencer and
hope they will enter into discussions in
the same spirit. If they are not prepared
to negotiate, I will be looking to raise
this in parliament. This issue is impor-
tant for many people who are fed up
with the culture of commercialisation
within hospitals."

The move came a month after the
Department of Health urged NHS
trusts and academics to avoid the

Investors' reaction to Volkswagen emissions saga



Source: Bloomberg

Stacy Jones, Fortune

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HORSE MEAT IS FOUND IN TESCO BURGERS



By DAMIEN FLETCHER

TESCO staff were last night clearing beef burgers from stores nationwide after horse meat was found in its own brand range.

Experts discovered some sold at shops in Ireland had been contaminated but withdrew all stock from the UK as a precaution. One sample tested contained 29% horse meat.

Tesco said: "We apologise for any distress." Bosses insisted there was no risk and blamed foreign suppliers. Lidl, Aldi and Iceland beef was also hit.

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New food scandal over peanuts is 'more serious' than the horsemeat crisis



FOOD FRAUD

Is your oregano fake?

A snapshot investigation into food fraud finds that a quarter of the dried oregano samples it examined contained other ingredients

A cutting-edge food fraud study – revealed exclusively to Which? – found that 25% of 78 samples of dried oregano bought from a range of retailers contained ingredients other than oregano. These ingredients, most commonly olive and myrtle leaves, were found to make up between 30% and 70% of the product – so in some cases, less than a third was actually oregano.

The snapshot investigation used oregano samples bought from a range of shops in the UK and Ireland and from online retailers. The test, using mass spectrometry which identifies compounds by their atomic composition, was conducted by Professor Elliot, Director of the Institute for Global Food Security, and author of the independent review into food crime commissioned by the government in the wake of the horsemeat scandal.

We've teamed up with Professor Elliot in the past to reveal that 40%

of the lamb takeaways we tested contained other meat and, on the back of this, launched our Food Fraud campaign.

We think it's unacceptable that you don't know what you are adding to your food. Which? chief food policy adviser, Sue Davis, said: 'This research suggests that food fraud remains rife. It highlights that retailers, producers and ultimately enforcement officers need to increase the checks in place across their herb supply chains to make sure that consumers are getting what they are paying for.'

We are sharing the results from this study with the Food Standards Agency (FSA).

● We want the government, FSA and local authorities to stop food fraud. And you can help make this happen – go to [which.co.uk/foodfraud](https://www.which.co.uk/foodfraud) to sign our petition.

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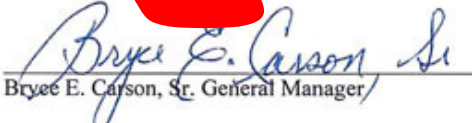
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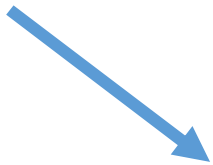
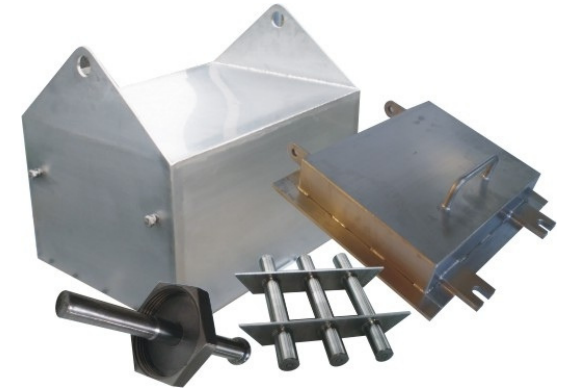
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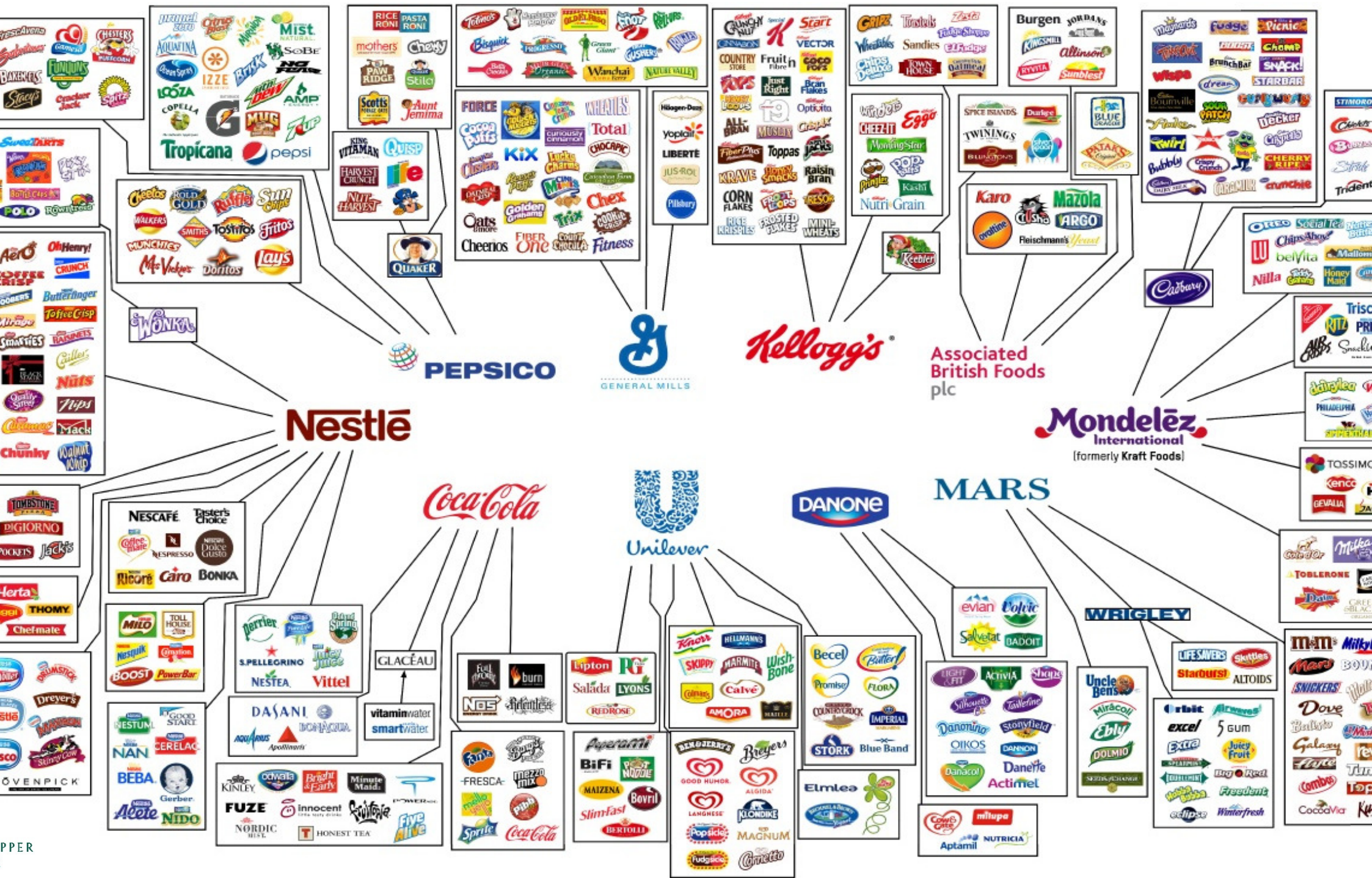
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