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#### Camellia at a glance

Camellia Plc is an international Group – a global family of diverse companies with a 128-year heritage employing approximately 76,000 people worldwide. Our operating divisions include Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Engineering, Food Service and Investments. From the start, Camellia's ethos has been based on the highest moral and professional integrity, and a commitment to doing the right thing – ethically and commercially, globally and locally. Profits are our lifeblood but not our soul.

#### Our business is built on two fundamental principles:

- Long-termism. We see ourselves as custodians, holding our businesses in trust for future generations. We believe we have a responsibility to ensure the stability, security and continuity of all our businesses, so they can be passed on to the next generation as enduring operations. We recognise that people and businesses take time to establish and grow to their full potential and we are happy to wait for that to happen. We are deeply committed to improving the long-term stability and well-being of our businesses, the communities and the environments in which we are involved.
- Sustainability. We are committed not only to the ultimate welfare of our employees but also to the
  communities in which they live. We believe our businesses can and should grow with respect and care for the
  environment rather than at the cost of it. We proactively invest in ensuring that the environments where we do
  business are continually protected and improved, and seek to minimise any damage our activities may cause.

#### Our business is made up of five divisions:

#### **AGRICULTURE**

#### 2015: Turnover - £186.5 million, Trading profit - £26.3 million, Return on capital - 9.9%

		Mature area	Immature area
Core crops	Locations	Ha.	Ha.
Tea	India, Bangladesh, Kenya, Malawi	31,991	2,626
Macadamia	Kenya, South Africa, Malawi	2,165	1,173
Avocados	Kenya	412	39
Speciality crops			
Rubber	Bangladesh	1,622	346
Citrus	USĂ	169	8
Arable	Brazil	3,374	_
Pineapples	Kenya	55	_
Wine grapes	South Africa	62	11
Pistachios	USA	131	_
Almonds	USA	_	56
Forestry	Kenya, Malawi, Brazil	2,972	3,279
Other			
Joint Projects	Kenya	1,299	_
Cattle	Kenya	4,500 head	

#### Camellia at a glance

#### **BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

2015: Subsidiaries Turnover – £13.1 million, Trading loss – £3.6 million 2015: Associates Share of results after taxation – £4.2 million (including 6 months results for BF&M)

Subsidiary	Locations	Activity			
Duncan Lawrie UK, Isle of Man		Private banking and wealth management			
Associates	Location	Activity	Holding %		
BF&M	Bermuda	Non life insurance	36.1		
United Finance	Bangladesh	Banking	38.4		
United Insurance	Bangladesh	Non life insurance	37.0		

#### **ENGINEERING**

#### 2015: Turnover - £18.6 million, Trading loss - £1.2 million\*

Subsidiary	Locations
Abbey Metal Finishing AJT Engineering British Metal Treatments GU Cutting and Grinding	UK, Germany UK UK UK UK

<sup>\*</sup> adjusted to exclude AKD Engineering and Loddon Engineering as they are no longer part of the Group.

#### **FOOD SERVICE**

#### 2015: Turnover - £31.9 million, Trading profit - £0.7 million, Return on capital - 4.0%

Subsidiary	Locations			
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ACS&T Affish	UK The Netherlands			
Wylax	The Netherlands		 	
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#### **INVESTMENTS**

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		31/12/15
Investment type	Locations	£'n
Investment Portfolio	Global	30.6
Investment Property	UK, Malawi, Isle of Man, Brazil	21.4
Collections	UK, India	9.0*
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<sup>\*</sup> Collections are stated at cost

#### Directors and advisers

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#### Chairman's statement

Our results for the year reflect once again the diversity of our operations and the unpredictability of global markets. Excluding the adjustment for the revaluation of biological assets, which I am pleased to report will have a much reduced impact on our accounts going forward, and the significant provision for post-employment benefits that we have been required to make in Bangladesh, headline profits were £23.9 million compared to £17.2 million in 2014. This result reflects the difficulties that our subsidiaries in the oil services sector have been facing; but also reflects the improved tea prices in Kenya and the improved profitability of our agricultural operations more generally.

2015 was a transitional year for your Group, with the appointment of Tom Franks as the Chief Executive, Graham Mclean as Managing Director of Agriculture and Susan Walker as the Chief Financial Officer and the retirement of a number of longstanding executive directors. As a result there have been consequential changes to both roles and responsibilities and also the organisation of the Group which are set out in the Chief Executive's and corporate governance reports. A detailed statement which shareholders will hopefully find interesting and informative is included as the Chief Executive's report and we have also included substantially more information in the annual accounts to assist shareholders with getting a better understanding of our Group.

Notwithstanding these changes, I am pleased to report that the overriding principles of the Group remain constant. We are committed to the development of the business over the long term and to the sustainability of our businesses, the environments and communities in which we operate.

As announced previously we took the step during the year of closing one of our subsidiaries, AKD Engineering, following many years of substantial losses. This was not a decision that your Board took lightly, being well aware of the social and other implications of this move, but was unfortunately unavoidable given the trading conditions. We sold the Loddon Engineering business towards the end of the year to the De Swart Group, an owner in a better position to ensure the long term future of that business. Despite these changes, the Group has continued its policy of organic growth and development, further details of which are contained in the Chief Executive's report.

#### Dividend

Your Board is recommending a final dividend of 95p per share which, together with the interim dividend already paid of 34p per share, brings the total distribution for the year to 129p per share compared with 126p per share in 2014.

#### **Directors**

During the year Anil Mathur, Chris Ames and Peter Field resigned as directors of the company. I would like to thank them all again for their contribution to the Group, and I am pleased that Peter Field will continue to contribute as Chairman of our operations in India and Bangladesh.

#### Outlook

The outlook for 2016 is challenging. Climate change, and in particular erratic rainfall patterns, makes predicting crop volumes difficult. The start of 2016 has seen record tea production in Kenya which has resulted in a significant fall in the market price. The continuing low oil price provides a challenge to our engineering businesses and low interest rates restrict returns in banking. However, the strength and diversity of our operations, the success we have had in bringing in new management where appropriate, and the ongoing turnaround, sale or closure of our loss making companies, all point to a more successful future.

#### Staff

As always, my thanks go out to all our staff for their efforts in 2015.

#### Malcolm Perkins

Chairman

27 April 2016

#### Chief Executive's Report

I am delighted to present to you my first report as Chief Executive. This year we are making significant additional disclosures, which I hope will enhance shareholders understanding of the Group and its strategy. As is inevitable in a Group of this size and diversity, there have been many performance highlights this year but also some areas of the business which have found markets more challenging.

Of particular note was the success of our operations in Kenya where a combination of good yields and improved prices delivered significant additional profit. However, the introduction of new post-employment benefits legislation in Bangladesh has meant that we have made a significant provision of £6.4 million this year against this liability and the fall in the oil price hit our subsidiaries (AKD Engineering and AJT Engineering) in that sector very hard. Unfortunately, the continuing weakness in the oil price and the resulting lack of orders for major capital equipment from AKD Engineering meant that we had to close the company in July 2015. We also sold our interest in Loddon Engineering, a Norfolk based stable manufacturer, to a subsidiary of the De Swart Group.

#### MANAGEMENT

During the year we reviewed the management of the business. Camellia is diverse and complex in both its markets and geographies and therefore having the right management in place is fundamental to driving performance. We have made a number of changes to management and to reporting lines in order to increase skills, create clarity and ensure proper accountability in the trading businesses. As a result the Group is now managed on a divisional rather than geographic basis. A summary of the new structure together with the revised remit and membership of the executive committees is set out in the corporate governance report.

#### **BUSINESS STRATEGY**

Whilst the overall Group strategy, which is set out on page 15, remains unchanged, each division is now expected to perform against an agreed divisional strategy which sets out the goals and targets for the short and medium term.

The divisional strategies may be summarised as follows:

Agriculture. The Agriculture division has an exceptional collection of high quality assets spread across a variety of geographies and crops. There are however certain crops where we have scale and geographic spread and therefore the opportunity to build a significant market presence. These are tea, macadamia and avocados. Here we will continue to expand the planted area, enlarge our geographic spread and where appropriate move up the value chain to protect future margins. For the remaining crops, where developing a significant market presence is not practicable but where there are opportunities for profitable investment, we will continue to acquire assets in line with the broader Group strategy.

Banking and Financial Services. During the year, the Group performed a strategic review of Duncan Lawrie to establish the best future path for the business. As a result of that review, the Group has approved a new growth strategy to invest in, and expand, Duncan Lawrie. Key components of the new strategy include building the banking operations by increasing both lending and deposits; growing the wealth management business by substantially increasing the assets under management and investing in people and infrastructure to ensure a market leading suite of products and services for our clients. This strategy will require, inter alia, further investment in the business and we have relaxed certain lending restrictions previously imposed by the Group.

I anticipate that the strategy will take a number of years to execute and I am pleased to report the appointment of Sally Tennant as the new Chair of Duncan Lawrie, subject to the appropriate regulatory approval, to assist the management team in implementing that strategy.

The Group also has three associated companies in the financial services sector, one of which, BF&M, is included as an associate from 1 July 2015 following a purchase of additional shares by the Group and a reassessment of our relationship with BF&M. The Group will continue to monitor its investments in these companies and may increase or decrease its holdings as appropriate.

#### Engineering

Engineering North. AJT Engineering has been a strongly profitable business for the Group in the past but is currently impacted by the low oil price and its effect on investment in the North Sea oil industry. As a result, AJT Engineering has had to amend its strategy so as to react to the new environment. This has included taking steps to reduce costs and diversify its customer base. AJT Engineering remains committed to providing a full service to its customers and anticipates emerging from the current hiatus strongly positioned for the future.

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Engineering South. The principal driver of growth in Engineering South will be Abbey Metal Finishing (Amfin) and its joint venture in Germany, Atfin. Under its new management team, Amfin has taken significant steps in the last 12 months to focus its customer base, improve its delivery performance and return to profitability. The plan is to complete these steps during 2016 and for Amfin to provide the Group with a return on the significant investments made since the fire in 2010. Atfin is taking steps to diversify its customer base and is now moving towards profitability.

The remaining businesses in Engineering South are expected to grow organically over the coming years.

#### Food Service

UK. ACS&T will continue to operate as a niche high quality operator in the storage and distribution of frozen foods together with some ambient food service provision as demand and space allows. The business will expand and invest where appropriate to continue to serve the needs of its customers.

Netherlands. Affish and Wylax, our fish trading and distribution businesses in the Netherlands, have struggled to grow in tough economic conditions. However, following the recent appointment of a new managing director and sales director, these businesses are now looking to expand both their product offering and customer base.

#### Investments

Investment Portfolio. The Group has a portfolio, principally of listed investments, under the management of a full time investment manager. The strategy remains to invest for the long term in high quality companies where we believe that there is hidden value.

Investment Property. The Group is disclosing for the first time this year the current market value of the investment property portfolio (page 59). The strategy is to continue to invest in quality assets where an appropriate yield may be realised.

Collections. The Group has collections of art, philately and manuscripts under the management of a curating team. These assets are regularly reviewed and are added to or sold as appropriate in order to enhance the collections.

#### PERFORMANCE

#### Agriculture

#### Tea Production

·	Mature	Immature	Volume	Volume
	area	area	2015*	2014*
	Ha.	Ha.	mkg	mkg
India	14,242	1,481	25.8	25.9
Bangladesh	7,927	1,110	10.3	10.5
Kenya	4,157	-	12.9	14.3
Malawi	5,665	35	14.4	16.9
Total	31,991	2,626	63.4	67.6

<sup>\*</sup>Estate volumes only, in addition 14.7 million kg of tea was produced for smallholders (2014 – 15.5 million kg)

#### Tea pricing and operations

#### India

Average tea prices in 2015 were up 3.8% in Rupees against 2014 levels, reflecting particularly good performances from our Assam teas, but costs of production were also up, reflecting labour rate increases which impacted margins. A new blending and packing facility for export teas was commissioned in Kolkata during the year with an annual capacity of approximately 4 million kgs per annum.

Packet tea sale volumes were up 13.6% on 2014 in this competitive but growing sector of the Indian local tea market. Instant Tea production was down 25% on 2014 with prices also slightly down. During the year, a solar water heating unit was installed at the plant in order to reduce energy costs.

Rainforest Alliance Certification was achieved on all Assam and Darjeeling estates along with FSSC 22000 certification in the factories; ISO 22000 certification was achieved for the Dooars' factories.

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#### Bangladesh

Pricing was up 11% on the previous year due to improved demand at auction and a resumption of high duty tariffs on imported tea.

A project to create capacity for irrigation on two gardens commenced during the second quarter having been delayed as a result of political disturbances. Total replanting achieved in the year was 115 Ha leaving a total of 385 Ha under rehabilitation at the end of the year in preparation for future replanting.

#### Kenya

As a result of lower production volumes across Kenya as a whole, tea prices were up 35.7% from the previous year's levels. The market for Kenya teas is largely an export one and prices are subject to significant volatility linked to production volumes. Fluctuations in the tea price have a major impact on Group profitability.

We continue to produce good quality hand plucked tea, and mechanical harvesting continues on a trial basis. During 2015, we established our first large-scale solar project. Significant reductions in carbon emissions have been achieved as well as a reduction in power costs.

All the estates and smallholders remain Rainforest Alliance certified and all factories are ISO 22000 compliant.

#### Malawi

In Malawi we experienced highly erratic weather conditions which had a significant adverse effect on crop volumes. The operations experienced serious flooding following drought conditions at the start of the year and then drought conditions re-emerged for most of the year thereafter.

Pricing in 2015 was up 3% on 2014 levels but costs per kg increased significantly due to the lower crop, inflationary pressure through substantial currency devaluation and significant wage increases. These circumstances contributed to a substantial decline in the profitability of the tea operations in 2015.

The Tea Association of Malawi, of which we are a leading member, in conjunction with the Ethical Tea Partnership, signed up to an extensive five-year revitalisation programme for the industry aimed at addressing workers' wages, smallholder sustainability, product quality and replanting.

All estates and smallholders are Rainforest Alliance certified. All factories are Fairtrade certified and two factories continued with UTZ certification.

#### Macadamia Production

	Mature area Ha.	Immature area Ha.	Volume 2015 Tonnes	Volume 2014 Tonnes
Malawi	1,202	· 230	530	583
South Africa	778	271	574	474
Kenya	185	<u>672</u>	52	28
Total	2,165	1,173	1,156	1,085

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#### Macadamia Pricing

Pricing for macadamia in 2015 was up 15.3% on 2014 levels and set a record level for the global macadamia kernel market due to continuing demand from China.

#### Macadamia Operations

#### Malawi

Production of macadamia nuts was down 9.0% on the previous year due to the impact of dry weather conditions. The processing facility once again achieved ISO 22000 certification.

#### South Africa

Volumes in 2015 were significantly ahead of last year. The development of Mambedi Estate to macadamia orchards continues with 98 Ha planted in 2015. A further 80 Ha has been prepared for planting. The processing factory successfully completed the first phase of upgrading to a modern state-of-the-art cracking facility. The plant was also recertified under ISO 22000 for the 2015 season.

#### Kenya

New plantings continued with 158 Ha being planted in the year. Construction of a new cracking facility began in April and good progress has been made to date. The facility is expected to open in June 2016.

#### Avocado Production

	Mature	Immature	Volume	Volume
	area	area	2015*	2014*
	Ha.	Ha.	mkg	mkg
Kenya	412	39	7.1	6.3

<sup>\*</sup> Estate volumes only. In addition 2.3 million kg of smallholder fruit was packed (2014 - 2.7 million kg)

#### Avocado Pricing and Operations

A record volume of 1.9 million cartons were exported: 17% up on 2014. The smallholder fruit volumes were slightly lower than last year as a result of tight quality controls and lower availability of acceptably sized fruit. Despite this, excellent returns were generated for growers from the fruit exported. The smallholder initiative continues to gain momentum with the number of registered growers increasing each year. Pricing in 2015 was at record levels (up 64% on 2014) as a result of demand from the European market.

#### Speciality Crops Production

	Mature	Immature	Volume	Volume
	area	area	2015	2014
	На.	Ha.	Tonnes	Tonnes
Rubber (Bangladesh)	1,622	346	629	601
Citrus (USA)	169	8	4,844	5,618
Arable (Brazil)	3,374	_	25,888	17,234
Pineapples (Kenya)	55	_	1,752	1,552
Wine grapes (South Africa)	62	11	625	718
Pistachio (USA)	131	_	31*	621
Almonds (USA)	_	56	47	_
			m3	m3
Forestry	2,972	3,279	17,042**	13,766**

<sup>\* 2015</sup> was an 'off year' for Pistachios

<sup>\*\*</sup> Volumes quoted are for conversion to value addition products rather than own use as fuel wood

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#### Speciality Crops Pricing and Operations

Pricing for rubber in 2015 was 24.4% below 2014 due to the drop in oil prices making synthetic rubber more price competitive than natural latex. There are also significant inventories of natural rubber building in South East Asia which are contributing to the downward pressure on price.

Prices for California citrus were slightly up in the year. Reduced volumes in the year reflect the effect of the decision to replace an area of mandarins with a different variety of citrus.

Both the maize and soya crops in Brazil sold at higher levels than anticipated.

Prices for fresh pineapple production in Kenya were marginally up.

Wine grape production in the Western Cape, South Africa was down 13% on last year but bottled wine production and sale volumes were up. Results were in line with expectation although slightly down on the previous year.

Pricing for pistachios in 2015 was 28% up on 2014 levels due to demand in the global market.

Almond prices were also high but no contribution was attributed to Group profit in 2015 given the immature nature of the trees. Revenues from almonds will be attributed to Group profit for 2016.

Forestry operations continued to produce satisfactory volumes for fuel wood and value addition products.

We continue to raise cattle on those areas of the Kakuzi Estate in Kenya unsuitable for crop development.

In total, the Agriculture division made a trading profit of £26.3 million (2014: £27.2 million) on turnover of £186.5 million (2014: £164.2 million).

#### Banking and Financial Services

The low interest rate environment together with restrictions on lending imposed by the Group and costs associated with adjusting to new regulatory requirements, have led to several years of losses at Duncan Lawrie. As a result, the Group undertook a strategic review of the bank during the year, the result of which is the implementation of the growth strategy described above. In 2015 the bank made losses which were significantly above those incurred in 2014, reinforcing the need to execute the new strategy. These losses are likely to continue into 2016 as the bank invests in clients, staff and systems.

Our two associated companies in Bangladesh, United Insurance and United Finance, both had a reasonable year with profits marginally ahead of 2014.

From 1 July 2015 we are accounting for BF&M, a Bermuda based insurance company, as an associate. BF&M had a strong year in 2015 reporting a profit before tax of Bermudian Dollar 30.1 million (2014: Bermudian Dollar 26.7 million).

In total, the Banking and Financial Services division's subsidiaries made a trading loss of £3.6m (2014: trading loss £2.5m) on turnover of £13.1 million (2014: £12.4 million). In addition, our share of the results of associates amounted to £4.2 million (2014: £1.1 million).

#### Engineering

Engineering North

Engineering North had a difficult year with the fall in the oil price resulting in AJT Engineering in Aberdeen struggling to fill its order book. Turnover at AJT Engineering fell from £12.0 million in 2014 to £9.6 million in 2015. In the current climate it is hard to predict the oil price and the impact that it may have on the industry in Aberdeen and therefore the company is braced for another difficult year.

Engineering South

Engineering South had a transitional year with the sale and closure of Loddon Engineering and AKD Engineering respectively, and new management teams appointed at Abbey Metal Finishing, Atfin and GU Cutting and Grinding. The continuing turnaround at Abbey Metal Finishing and the disposal of the other loss making businesses means that we anticipate a significantly improved performance in the coming year.

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In total, the Engineering division made a trading loss of £5.5 million (2014: trading loss £8.4 million) on turnover of £24.1 million (£28.9 million). £4.3 million of the trading loss in 2015 related to AKD Engineering and Loddon Engineering.

In addition, during the year we sold three properties and certain assets which were surplus to the requirements of the Engineering division generating a net profit on sale of £3.7million (2014: nil).

#### Food Service

ACS&T had a better year than 2014 with turnover increasing by 7.5%, although the market remains competitive in both the storage and distribution areas and as a result profits were marginally down. During the year we also took possession of a new office building in Wolverhampton and implemented a new IT system at all our facilities to manage logistics. In the Netherlands, both Affish and Wylax experienced challenging trading conditions.

In total the Food Service division made a trading profit of £0.7 million (2014: £0.9 million) on turnover of £31.9 million (2014: £30.9 million).

#### Investments

Investment Portfolio. Despite the significant fluctuations in both global equity and currency markets there was little change in the value of the portfolio. The total value of the portfolio is £30.6 million (2014: £63.5 million) reflecting the reclassification of our holding in BF&M as an associate.

Investment Property. The Group is disclosing for the first time this year the current market value of the investment property portfolio (page 59). The Group took the opportunity during the year to acquire further land and buildings at Linton Park.

Collections. The value of the collections is held at cost. A number of minor additions and disposals were made during the year.

#### **LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

The Group is present in many jurisdictions, and is subject to local legislation. The following two issues either have had, or are likely to have, a material impact on the Group.

- During 2015, a post-employment benefits law was introduced in Bangladesh entitling workers to a lump sum
  payment on retirement or termination of employment based upon earnings and length of service. As a result
  we have made a provision of £6.4 million to cover the potential liability of which £6.1 million relates to past
  service costs.
- At the start of 2016, the Government of Malawi put forward new legislation which proposes, inter alia, the conversion of all freehold property into 50 year leaseholds. The proposed legislation is under discussion and has yet to be passed into law and many of the key provisions such as the costs of the leaseholds and the right to renew leases are as yet unclear. The impact on the Group is therefore hard to assess at this time.

#### DEVELOPMENT

During 2015 we continued to invest in the development of our assets and £19.4 million was spent on property, plant and equipment and investment property (2014: £19.0 million) including the following key projects:

- Extension of the macadamia dehusking facility and the commencement of the building of the new macadamia cracking plant in Kenya
- Phase 1 of the upgrading of the macadamia cracking facility in South Africa
- Improvements at four of our tea factories and to the packet tea and instant tea facilities
- · Solar energy facilities in Kenya and India
- Significant irrigation projects across all of the agricultural operations
- Construction of a new office building for ACS&T and an IT upgrade

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- · Continuing improvement of our labour housing and facilities for our staff
- The acquisition of investment properties in the UK adjacent to our head office at Linton Park.

In addition to our continuous programme of replanting our tea areas, a programme to extend our planted areas has been underway for a number of years and in 2015:

- 36 Ha of new avocado plantings were carried out in Kenya
- 158 Ha of new macadamia plantings were carried out in Kenya and 81 Ha in South Africa.

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND CSR

The Group has always had a strong focus on social and environmental responsibility and this is something we intend to maintain and grow. The key aspects of that policy are set out on page 17.

The Group strives to develop the workforce through training and to improve housing, healthcare, and education across the Group and in the communities that we work in.

This year we have been involved in the tea revitalisation project in Malawi, solar projects in India and Kenya, and have embarked on major housing renewal projects in Malawi, Kenya and India. In addition, I am pleased to report that every operating company in the UK has now been accredited by the Living Wage Foundation as a Living Wage Employer.

Tom Franks Chief Executive 27 April 2016

#### Chief Financial Officer's report

#### Overview of results

After taking account of the provision for past service costs relating to changes in Bangladesh to post-employment benefit entitlements of £6.1 million, gains arising from changes in the fair value of biological assets of £20.6 million (2014: £8.8 million), exceptional and other one off items, the profit before tax for the year to 31 December 2015 amounted to £40.5 million compared with £22.0 million in the previous year.

The Group has net assets of £372.8 million (2014: £364.4 million) and net cash and cash equivalents of £65.6 million (2014: £54.1 million), excluding balances relating to our banking operations.

#### Headline profit

The headline profit before tax for the year to 31 December 2015 was 39.0% higher than previous year at £23.9 million (2014: £17.2 million). Headline profit is a measure of underlying performance which is not impacted by exceptional and other items considered non-operational in nature and is designed to make clear the underlying trading performance of the Group.

#### Accounting policies and practices

We increased our holding in BF&M to 36.1% during the year and, having reassessed our relationship, consider that it is now appropriate to account for it as an associate company rather than as an available for sale financial asset. This has resulted in our proportionate share of BF&M's profit after tax for the period from 1 July 2015 of £2.9 million being included in our results for the year instead of the dividends we received.

Following further acquisition of property in the UK during 2015, our investment property holdings are now shown as a separate asset class which continues to be carried at cost. In the interests of providing further clarity for shareholders, the estimated market value is disclosed in note 18 to the financial statements.

#### Impact of changes to the accounting treatment of biological assets (IAS 41 amendments)

This is the last year in which IAS 41 will be relevant to the majority of our agricultural operations and from 1 January 2016 our permanent plantings will be classified under IAS 16 as property, plant and equipment to be depreciated over their expected useful life. If the new standard had applied to our 2015 results it would have had the following estimated effect on our reported profits:

	£'m
Reported profit before tax	40.5
Exclude gain arising from changes in fair value of biological assets reclassified as bearer crops	(18.7)
Depreciation of bearer plants	(4.4)
Fair value adjustments for growing crop	2.6
Restated 2015 profit before tax	20.0

#### Currencies

The Group's operations in Africa and Brazil have seen significant devaluation of their functional currencies during the year. This together with the high rates of inflation in these countries places substantial pressure on our cost base, particularly in Malawi. However, our operations in Africa benefit from the fact that the majority of their sales are in hard currencies, typically US dollars or Euros, which provides some protection. Over the course of the year to 31 December 2015, the Malawi Kwacha weakened by 35.7%, the Kenya Shilling by 6.5%, the South African Rand by 26.5% and the Brazilian Real by 41.3% against Sterling.

#### Cashflow

The Group's net cash position increased to £65.6 million at 31 December 2015 (2014: £54.1 million) (excluding net cash balances held within our banking subsidiaries) reflecting strong net cash inflows from operations of £33.7 million (2014: inflow £7.9 million).

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#### Chief Financial Officer's report

#### **Taxation**

The Group's effective tax rate of 45.9% (2014: 62.2%) reflects the continuing losses incurred in the UK which we are currently unable to relieve against profits elsewhere in the Group. It also reflects a provision for taxation in Malawi arising from assessments raised by the Malawi Revenue Authority for unpaid taxes from prior years. We continue to be of the view that the claim is without technical merit.

#### Pensions and post-employment benefits

The Group operates a number of defined benefit pension schemes, the largest of which is in the UK. The overseas schemes are located in Bangladesh, India and the Netherlands. The UK scheme has been closed to new entrants for a number of years and of our UK based work force, approximately 15% are members of this scheme. Our businesses in Kenya, India and Bangladesh also have obligations to pay terminal gratuities, based on years of service and, in some cases based on salaries.

Our employee benefit schemes currently show net deficits of £38.6 million (2014: £41.6 million net deficit). Accounting for defined benefit schemes is prescribed by IAS 19 and the quantum of the deficit continues to be volatile and sensitive to small changes in assumptions as regards inflation and gilt yields in the relevant jurisdictions. This year a net actuarial gain of £9.1 million (net actuarial loss in 2014 of £20.3 million) is reflected in the Statement of comprehensive income.

In addition, £8.4 million (2014: £1.0 million) has been charged to our income statement in respect of employee benefit obligations. £6.4 million of the increase in cost relates to obligations for post-employment benefits arising from recently enacted legislation in Bangladesh, of which £6.1 million relates to relevant employees service with the Group in years prior to the current financial year. The cash flow impact of this legislation will arise over a number of years as staff retire or otherwise leave the business.

Contributions to the externally funded defined benefit schemes are determined after consultation with the respective trustees and actuaries. In the UK, additional annual contributions of £0.9 million are being made to reduce the scheme's funding deficit.

#### Shareholders' funds

Equity attributable to Camellia's shareholders at the 2015 year end was £330.4 million (2014: £321.7 million). A reconciliation is set out in the Group statement of changes in equity.

Susan Walker Chief Financial Officer 27 April 2016

#### Strategic report

#### **Business review**

The company is required to set out in this report a fair review of the business of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2015 and a description of principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group. A fair review of the business of the Group is incorporated within the Chairman's statement and the Chief Executive's report on pages 5 to 12. The Chairman's statement and the Chief Executive's report, together with information contained within the report of the directors, highlight the key factors affecting the Group's development and performance. Other matters are dealt with below:

#### Group strategy

The Board has adopted the following strategy for the Group:

- to develop a worldwide group of businesses requiring management to take a long term view
- the achievement of long-term shareholder returns through sustained and targeted investment
- · investing in the environment and sustainability of the communities in which we do business
- ensuring that the quality and safety of our products and services meet the highest international standards
- the continuous refinement and improvement of the Group's existing businesses using our internal expertise and financial strength.

The progress against this strategy during the year is set out in further detail in the Chief Executive's report shown on pages 6 to 12 and within the report of the directors.

#### Business model

The Group consists of businesses engaged in Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Engineering, Food Service and Investment. Businesses are managed on a divisional basis with regular reports made to the Board on performance against the annual budget.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

There are a number of possible risks and uncertainties that could impact the Group's businesses. As the Group's businesses are widely spread both in terms of activity and location, it is unlikely that any one single factor could have a material impact on the Group's long-term performance. The following risks relating to the Group's principal operations have been identified:

#### Aoriculture

The Group's agricultural based businesses are located in Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Bangladesh, India, Brazil and the USA. The success of these activities is greatly dependent on climatic conditions, controlling plant disease, the cost of labour and the market price. We export a considerable amount of produce through the port of Mombasa in Kenya. Such exports can be seriously delayed by inefficiencies in the operation of the port. In addition, exports from these businesses are subject to foreign exchange fluctuations as products, particularly those from Africa, are normally priced in US dollars or Euros.

In Kenya, Malawi and South Africa there are long-term political issues concerning land ownership over which the Group has little control or influence. The Board continues to work with local management and with the assistance of lawyers to monitor land ownership issues that may impact the Group's operations. In Kenya, the length of the leases owned by non-Kenyan citizens and corporations has been reduced from 999 years to 99 years in accordance with the new constitution. In South Africa, on land where ownership claims have been made, any substantiated claim is required to be resolved on a willing buyer willing seller basis and crops are generally only planted following notification to the Land Claims Commission. In Malawi, a bill is currently being debated in the parliament on the foreign ownership of land which could see the freehold land interest being converted to 50 year leasehold.

In India, violence from separatist Groups which has been a problem for some years has reduced in Assam, Darjeeling and the Dooars. In Bangladesh, there have been instances of civil unrest and political instability. The situation continues to be monitored and the Group's operations in these regions have generally been able to trade normally.

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A fourth consecutive year of drought in California brought about a state imposed 25% reduction in water usage by urban consumers. Ground and surface water resources remain scarce and continue to decline, imposing a challenge to management to ensure sufficient water resources are made available for the crops. This was achieved in 2015 because of our investment in irrigation infrastructure over several years, but remains a concern for the future.

#### Engineering

A number of the engineering companies are dependent for a significant part of their revenue on the aerospace and the oil and gas industries. As we saw in 2015, a downturn in either of these sectors would have and has had an impact on the level of activity in these businesses.

Some of the processes used by the companies involved in metal treatment require high standards of health and safety and environmental management. Failure to maintain these standards could give rise to accidents or environmental damage.

#### Food Service

Food Service is a highly competitive industry with low operating margins and is largely dependent on the food industry for the utilisation of cold stores.

Cold stores are heavy users of electricity and any significant movement in energy costs can affect the operation's profitability.

ACS&T is dependent upon a sophisticated computer system. The failure of this system could have significant consequences for the business although a disaster recovery plan is in place.

#### Banking and Financial Services

Duncan Lawrie Limited is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and has a well-developed compliance process. The following risks have been identified:

- compliance risk the FCA and the PRA have the power to stop trading activity should there be a serious
  breach of their regulations. Following the global banking crisis, there have been continual moves by the
  authorities to tighten regulatory standards and this may lead to a requirement for further capital to be invested
  in Duncan Lawrie
- credit risk the lending of money gives rise to a credit risk. Duncan Lawrie lends money to customers and
  places money with other banks and holds interest bearing securities. This credit risk is managed by strict
  internal procedures
- liquidity, interest and foreign exchange rate risk these risks are monitored closely and reported upon daily
  against conservative exposure limits.

Bank failures in the jurisdictions within which Duncan Lawrie operates can also impact its results as a consequence of industry wide compensation schemes to which it is required to contribute.

Further information on the Group's financial risks are disclosed in note 39 of the accounts.

#### Investment

The Group owns a number of investments including listed investments. The value of these investments is therefore likely to fluctuate in line with global stock market movements.

#### Pension schemes

There is one final salary scheme in the UK which is closed to new entrants and permits an element of future accrual for existing members in the defined benefit section. A material proportion of the assets of the scheme are invested in equities and the value of these assets will fluctuate in line with global equity markets. Continuing improvements in mortality rates may also increase the liabilities of the scheme.

The Group's overseas subsidiaries make pension provision for certain employees in accordance with relevant local legislation. Some risk remains if there are changes to the governing legislation, requiring the companies to make larger contributions to these schemes. Some of these pension plans are final salary based and not fully funded.

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#### Credit Risk

Credit control procedures are in place throughout the Group but the risk remains that some customers may have difficulty making payments.

#### Social and environmental responsibility

#### Background

The Group has a wide range of businesses operating around the world in diverse commercial, cultural and regulatory environments. These businesses encompass a correspondingly wide spectrum of employment and environmental issues and our main challenge is to ensure that these are appropriately managed across the Group.

The Group's businesses have a duty to meet local regulatory requirements and will always strive to do so. In this respect, there is a distinction between our UK businesses and our agricultural businesses based mostly in developing countries. Whilst the UK businesses are subject to well-developed regulatory regimes in the areas of employment and environmental protection, this is not necessarily the case elsewhere. Our agricultural businesses meet the standards expected by the Group, local legislation and by our customers.

Particular challenges and opportunities for the Group lie in the following areas:

Child labour: the use of child labour is prohibited by all of our businesses. The minimum legal working age varies around the world and in some countries it is both the cultural norm and permissible for parents to involve their children in the productive process. We do not subscribe to this approach and therefore translating our policy into unambiguous local rules and enforcing these rules requires vigilance.

Health and safety: Our European and North-American businesses operate in a strong regulatory climate, and have a good health and safety culture and record. Achieving equivalent standards of health and safety management in our operations in some developing countries is a continuing challenge however improvements have been achieved during the year.

Medical care and education: In some countries, our workers and their children do not have access to good state provision of medical or educational services. However, the majority of our tea estates in India and Bangladesh have a hospital and a qualified doctor and our operations in both these countries have central Group hospitals to which more serious illnesses are referred. A number of our African businesses report a high incidence of HIV/AIDS related illnesses. We provide, as a minimum, basic medical services including where appropriate antiretroviral drugs. We also give support to schools that are either run locally or by our companies.

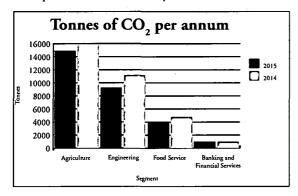
Casual labour. Some of our agricultural businesses rely on seasonal labour, notably at harvest time. Our agricultural companies give casual and contract workers employment rights in accordance with the requirements of local legislation.

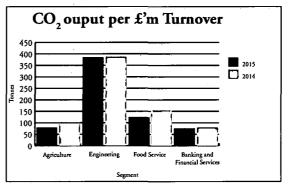
Environmental management: Our UK-based engineering businesses have the greatest potential to create pollution and hazardous waste and need to meet tight legislative standards. Where appropriate, our UK businesses have formal environmental management systems in place and most are independently certified to the international standard ISO 14001. The enforcement of environmental legislation in many countries where we operate is poor and our businesses in these locations have to act on their own initiative to meet international standards of environmental protection. Our agricultural businesses carry out activities that could impact the environment. These businesses have adopted rigorous procedures to reduce the environmental impact of the operations.

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#### Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

Our emissions have been calculated based on the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard. Emissions reported correspond with our financial year.





#### Our approach

We believe that good management of employment and environmental issues is essential in ensuring the long-term success of our businesses. We are therefore committed to devoting the necessary resources to improve continually our performance in these areas.

The Group has a corporate social responsibility policy which is available on the company's website.

The Board has adopted an anti-bribery policy which complies with the requirements of the Bribery Act 2010. The policy has been introduced across the Group and its implementation is being monitored. The Board does not permit bribery as part of its business practices.

The Board is currently devising a policy to comply with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 which will be in place by the end of 2016.

#### Performance

There are no current employment or environmental issues that prejudice the continuing development of the Group. None of the Group's businesses were prosecuted for any significant breach of employment legislation during the year. The Board has established a process for ensuring that the corporate social responsibility policy is enforced across the Group.

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#### Key financial performance indicators

#### Return on segmental assets

The nature of the Group's principal activities is such that the Board takes a long-term view on its operations, particularly in Agriculture. It is also concerned to improve the quality of the Group's assets over the long-term and monitors that by reference to return on net assets achieved in the main segments of the business which are then compared against budget. The returns achieved in the current and prior year were as follows:

	Agricu	lture	Banking and Financial Services		Engineering		Food Service	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Return on segmental net assets (%)	9.9	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.0	5.5

Group borrowings ratio

The Board's objective is to ensure that gross borrowings as a percentage of tangible net assets do not exceed 50 per cent. The ratio at 31 December 2015 was 3.3% (2014: 0.9%).

Gross borrowings and tangible net assets (share capital and reserves less goodwill and intangible assets) are derived from the consolidated accounts.

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#### Key non-financial performance indicators

The following information has been compiled based on data provided by the Group's subsidiary undertakings. The Board considers that this information demonstrates the level of compliance with important elements of the Group's principles. The Board will regularly review which key non-financial performance indicators are most appropriate.

1 Compliance		2015 <sup>(ii)</sup>	2014	2013
a) Prosecutions	The number of prosecutions brought in the financial year by the official regulatory bodies responsible for enforcing			
	regulations in the areas of:			,
	Employment	_	_	1
	Worker health and safety Environmental protection	_	_	1 2
b)Formal	The number of written warnings during the financial year	_	_	2
warnings	year by the official regulatory bodies responsible for enforcing			
В-	regulations in the areas of:			
	Employment	_	_	_
	Worker health and safety	3	_	1
	Environmental protection	_	-	_
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2 Child Labour	The second of th			
a) Minimum age	The number of employees who were less than 15 years old during the financial year			
b)Access to	The number of employees who were younger than the	_	_	_
education	age for completing compulsory education in their country			
	during the financial year	_	_	_
3 Accidents				
a) Injury	The number of injuries received at work resulting in either			
•	absence from work for more than three days, or the injured			
•	person being unable to do the full range of their normal			
	duties for more than three days	317	<i>308</i>	8
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4 Health  a) Sickness	The number of employee days absence as a result of sickness			
absence	The number of employee days absence as a result of sickness during the financial year	238,160 <sup>(i)</sup>	243 0940	227 91 <i>7</i> 0
b)Sickness	The number of claims for compensation arising from	250,100	213,071	22/,/1/
claims	occupational health issues received during the financial year			
	in respect of continuing operations	20	167	406
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<sup>(</sup>i) This excludes tea garden workers in India who have a contractual entitlement to fourteen days sickness absence. In Malawi there is high level of sickness due to HIV/AIDS related conditions and malaria.

<sup>(</sup>ii) This excludes figures from AKD Engineering due to its closure during the year and Loddon Engineering which was sold at the end of year.

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#### **Employees**

The Group keeps employees informed, through internal publications and other communications, on the performance of the Group and on matters affecting them as employees and arrangements to that end are made by the management of individual subsidiary undertakings.

It is also Group policy that proper consideration is given to applications for employment received from disabled persons and to give employees who become disabled every opportunity to continue their employment.

The table below provides a breakdown of the gender of the directors and employees at 31 December 2015:

	•		ivien	women
Company directors (i)			6	. 1
Other senior managers (ii)			7	2
All employees			42,259	34,124

- (i) Company directors consists of the company's Board as detailed on page 4.
- (ii) "Other senior managers" is as defined in The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic report and directors report)
  Regulations 2013, and includes persons responsible for planning, directing or controlling the activities of the company, or a strategically significant part of the company, other than company directors.

By order of the Board

Julia Morton Secretary

27 April 2016

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#### Report of the directors

The directors present their report together with the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015.

#### Principal activities

The company is a public limited company, which is quoted on the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange and incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The principal activities of its subsidiary and associated undertakings comprise:-

Agriculture

Banking and Financial Services

Engineering

Food Service

Investments

Further details of the Group's activities are included in the Chairman's statement and the Chief Executive's report on pages 5 to 12.

#### Results and dividends

The profit after taxation for the year amounted to £21.9 million (2014: £8.3 million). The Board has proposed a final dividend for the year of 95p per share payable on 1 July 2016 to holders of the ordinary shares registered at the close of business on 10 June 2016. The total dividend for 2016 is therefore 129p per share (126p per share). Details are shown in note 12.

#### **Directors and Secretary**

Camellia Plc ordinary shares of 10p each:

The directors are listed on page 4. The following directors had beneficial interests in the shares of the company.

2015 20				
			2015	2015

31 December

1 January

Malcolm Perkins 1,673 1,573

Under the company's articles of association all the directors are required to retire annually. Accordingly, Malcolm Perkins, Tom Franks, Susan Walker, Graham Mclean, Chris Relleen, Frédéric Vuilleumier and William Gibson will retire and, being eligible will seek re-election at the AGM on 2 June 2016.

None of the directors or their families had a material interest in any contract of significance with the company or any subsidiary during, or at the end of, the financial year.

#### Executive directors

Malcolm Perkins was appointed a director in 1999 and Chairman in 2001 having joined Eastern Produce (Holdings) Limited now Linton Park Plc in 1972. He is a chartered accountant and Chairman of the Nomination Committee.

Tom Franks was appointed as Chief Executive with effect from 1 September 2015. He joined Camellia as Deputy Chief Executive in October 2014. He is chairman and a non-executive director of Duncan Lawrie Limited and Duncan Lawrie Asset Management Limited.

Graham Mclean, a qualified agriculturalist, was appointed as Managing Director of Agriculture in October 2014. He was previously regional director of the Group's operations in Africa and has worked for the Group for 22 years. He is a non-executive director of Kakuzi Limited.

Susan Walker was appointed Chief Financial Officer for the Group on 4 June 2015 having joined Camellia in 2014 as Finance Director Designate and was appointed as an executive director on 2 April 2015. She is a chartered certified accountant and a non-executive director of Goodricke Group Limited, United Finance Limited and Duncan Lawrie Limited.

#### Report of the directors

#### Non-Executive directors

Chris Relleen was formerly a partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers. He was appointed as independent non-executive director and deputy chairman in January 2006 having previously been a non-executive director of Linton Park Plc. He is a non-executive director and chairman of the Audit Committee of Duncan Lawrie Limited. He is senior independent director, chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Nomination and Remuneration committees.

William Gibson was appointed as an independent non-executive director in September 2014. He was previously chairman and managing director of Westminster Press and an executive director of the Financial Times Group. He is chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Audit and Nomination committees.

Frédéric Vuilleumier was appointed as an independent non-executive director in March 2013. He is partner of Oberson Abels SA, a law office based in Geneva, Switzerland. He is a member of the Audit Committee.

#### Secretary

Julia Morton has been company secretary since September 2011.

#### Substantial shareholdings

As at 27 April 2016 the company has been advised of the following interests in the share capital of the company:

Beneficial shareholder	Shareholder	No of Shares	% of total voting rights
Camellia Private Trust Company Limited	Camellia Holding AG	1,427,000	51.67
Alcatel Bell Pensioenfonds VZW	Lynchwood Nominees Limited	153,600	5.56
Fide Holding NV	Lynchwood Nominees Limited	150,000	5.43
Quaero Capital SA	HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Limited	92,800	3.36

#### Share capital and purchase of own shares

The company's share capital comprises one class of ordinary shares of 10 pence each which carry no restrictions on the transfer of shares or on voting rights (other than as set out in the company's articles of association). There are no agreements known to the company between shareholders in the company which may result in restrictions on the transfer of shares or on voting rights in relation to the company. Details of the issued share capital are contained in note 34 to the accounts.

At the annual general meeting in 2015, shareholders gave authority for the company to purchase up to 276,200 of its own shares. This authority expires at the conclusion of this year's annual general meeting. A resolution proposing renewal of the authority will be submitted to shareholders at the next annual general meeting.

#### Disclosure of information to auditors.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has expressed its willingness to continue as auditors of the company and a resolution proposing PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP re-appointment will be put to the annual general meeting.

Each of the persons who were directors at the time when this directors' report was approved has confirmed that:

- (a) so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- (b) each director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director, including making appropriate enquiries of fellow directors and of the company's auditors for that purpose, in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### Report of the directors

#### Future development

Details of future development are set out in the Chief Executive's report.

#### Going concern

After reviewing the Group's budget for 2016 and other forecasts, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Therefore they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

#### Corporate governance

The company's statement on corporate governance can be found in the corporate governance report on pages 25 to 28.

By order of the Board

Julia Morton Secretary

27 April 2016

#### Corporate governance

#### Statement of compliance

This statement describes how the company applies the main principles of UK Corporate Governance Code 2014 ("the Code"). In implementing the Code, the directors have taken account of the company's size and structure and the fact that there is a controlling shareholder. At the time of the company's delisting from the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and admission to trading on AIM in September 2014, it was stated that the Board did not envisage that there would be any significant alteration to the standards of reporting and governance which the company maintained at that time. AIM companies are not required to comply with the requirements of the Code. However, the Board has chosen to follow the Code for the year to 31 December 2015.

The Group consists of a portfolio of businesses which are grouped into independently managed divisions. These divisions report into the Board by function against a variety of metrics including budgets and business plans.

#### The Board

The Board currently comprises seven directors, three of whom are independent non-executive directors. The remaining directors are executive directors, including the executive Chairman. Chris Relleen, the Deputy Chairman, has been designated as the senior independent director. The names and brief biographical details of each director appear on pages 22 and 23.

There is on-going dialogue between the Chairman and the majority shareholder whose views are reported to the Board. The company is also in contact with other significant shareholders.

The Board has established a remuneration committee, audit committee and nomination committee. Terms of reference of each of the committees can be viewed on the company's website.

The Board undertook a performance evaluation during the year by way of an internal review.

The Board is responsible for managing the Group's business and has adopted a schedule of matters reserved for its approval. The schedule is reviewed annually and covers, inter alia, the following areas:

- Strategy
- · Acquisitions and disposals
- Financial reporting and control
- Internal controls
- Approval of expenditure above specified limits
- Approval of transactions and contracts above specified limits
- Responsibilities for corporate governance
- · Board membership and committees
- Approval of changes to capital structure.

A full copy of the schedule is available on the company's website.

#### Corporate governance

A report summarising the Group's financial and operational performance including detailed information on each of its businesses is sent to directors each month. Each director is provided with sufficient information in advance of Board meetings to enable the directors to make informed judgments on matters referred to the Board. The Board met eleven times in 2015.

Attendance by directors at Board and committee meetings held during the year was as follows:

Director	Board	Audit	Remuneration
Malcolm Perkins	11/11	_	_
Chris Relleen	10/11	3/3	3/3
Tom Franks	11/11	_	_
Graham Mclean	11/11	_	_
Susan Walker	9/9	2/2	_
William Gibson	10/11	3/3	3/3
Frédéric Vuillieumer	10/11	3/3	-
Anil Mathur	4/4	1/1	-
Chris Ames	5/5	_	-
Peter Field	11/11	_	_

- (i) Anil Mathur attended meetings of the audit committee by invitation in his capacity as finance director until his retirement as a director on 4 June 2015.
- (ii) Chris Ames resigned from the Board on 10 July 2015.
- (iii) Susan Walker was appointed as a director on 2 April 2015 and attends meetings of the audit committee by invitation in her capacity as Chief Financial Officer.

#### **Executive committees**

The Board has established the Strategy Group, consisting of the Chairman and the executive directors of the Board, and two Executive Committees. The Agriculture Executive Committee is chaired by the Managing Director of Agriculture and includes the Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer and heads of all the key agricultural operations. The Engineering and Food Service Executive Committee is chaired by the Chief Executive and includes the Chief Financial Officer, the divisional heads of Engineering North, Engineering South and Food Service, the Company Secretary and the Group Head of HR.

Banking and Financial Services (being primarily Duncan Lawrie) and Investments report direct to the Chief Executive.

#### Nomination committee

The nomination committee is chaired by Malcolm Perkins. Its other members are William Gibson and Chris Relleen.

The principal responsibilities of the nomination committee are set out below:

- review the balance and composition (including gender and diversity) of the Board, ensuring that they remain appropriate
- be responsible for overseeing the Board's succession planning requirements including the identification and assessment of potential Board candidates and making recommendations to the Board for its approval
- keep under review the leadership needs of, and succession planning for, the Group in relation to both its
  executive and non-executive directors and other senior executives.

The committee did not meet during the year.

#### Audit committee

The audit committee is chaired by Chris Relleen. The other members of the committee are Frédéric Vuilleumier and William Gibson. During 2015, the committee met on three occasions.

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#### Principal responsibilities

The principal responsibilities of the audit committee are set out below and were undertaken during the year:

- to review and monitor the financial statements of the company and the audit of those statements to monitor compliance with relevant financial reporting requirements and legislation
- to monitor the effectiveness and independence of the external auditor
- to review effectiveness of the Group's internal control system. The committee regularly reviews the
  effectiveness of internal audit activities carried out by the company's Group accounting function and senior
  management
- to review non-audit services provided by the external auditors.

#### Significant issues in relation to financial statements

The audit committee assesses whether suitable accounting policies have been adopted and whether management has made appropriate estimates and judgements. In the year under review, the audit committee considered the following significant matters in relation to the financial statements:

Biological assets – One of the key areas of judgment that the committee considered in reviewing the financial statements was the valuation of biological assets in accordance with IAS 41. Valuations are carried out by external professional valuers or are based on discounted cash flows. These were agreed for consistency of approach and assumptions agreed as reasonable. For more details see note 19 to the accounts.

Pensions – A key area of judgment is in relation to the value of the pension scheme obligation. Whilst this is conducted by independent expert actuaries, the size of the obligation means that a relatively minor difference in the assumptions could result in a material change in the obligation. The committee considered the competence of the actuaries and the assumptions adopted and concluded that the work performed is sufficient to support the value

Goodwill and intangibles – The value of goodwill and intangibles is inherently complex and relies on judgment and estimation. The committee consider the performance of the underlying assets and their ability to continue to support the carrying value. As a result, the committee is satisfied that the carrying value is supported.

#### External auditors

To assess the effectiveness of the external audit process, the external auditor is required to report to the audit committee and confirm their independence in accordance with ethical standards and that they had maintained appropriate internal safeguards to ensure their independence and objectivity. In addition to the steps taken by the Board to safeguard auditor objectivity, PricewaterhouseCoopers operates a five year rotation policy for audit partners for a listed entity.

The company's external audit was last tendered in 2009, which resulted in a change to PricewaterhouseCoopers at that point. The audit committee is currently undertaking a review of the Group's external audit requirements following a change in the rules on audit rotation in India. The outcome of the review will be announced in due course.

The committee reviewed those non-audit services provided by the external auditor and satisfied itself that the scale and nature of those services were such that the external auditors objectivity and independence were safeguarded.

The committee confirms that the annual report and accounts, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the company's performance, business model and strategy.

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#### Remuneration committee

The remuneration committee is chaired by William Gibson and the other member is Chris Relleen.

The responsibilities of the committee include:

- the review of the Group's policy relating to remuneration of the chairman, executive directors and the company secretary
- to determine the terms of employment and remuneration of the chairman, executive directors and company secretary with a view to ensuring that those individuals are fairly but responsibly rewarded
- to approve compensation packages or arrangements following the severance of any executive director's service contract.

The remuneration report appears on pages 30 to 32.

#### Insurance

The company purchases insurance to cover its directors in respect of legal actions against them in their capacity as directors of the company. The level of cover is currently £20 million. All directors have access to independent professional advice at the company's expense.

#### Share capital structure

The share capital of the Group is set out in note 34.

#### Internal control and risk management systems

The directors acknowledge that they are responsible for maintaining a sound system of internal control. During the year, the audit committee, on behalf of the Board, reviewed the effectiveness of the framework of the Group's system of internal control, the principal features of which are described below.

Decentralisation is a key management philosophy with responsibility for efficient day to day operations delegated to local management. Accountability and delegation of authority are clearly defined with regular communication between Group head office and local management. The performance of each company is continually monitored centrally including a critical review of annual budgets, forecasts and monthly sales, profits and cash reports. Financial results and key business statistics and variances from approved plans are carefully monitored. Senior management regularly visit and review the Group's operating units. However, any system of internal control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material mis-statement or loss.

By order of the Board

Julia Morton Secretary

27 April 2016

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report, the directors' remuneration report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare Group and parent company financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the Group and parent company financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of both the Group and the parent company and of the profit or loss of the Group and company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the Group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and the directors' remuneration report comply with the Companies Act 2006 and, as regards the Group financial statements, Article 4 of the IAS Regulation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In addition, each of the directors considers that the annual report, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the company's performance, business model and strategy.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website.

On behalf of the Board

Malcolm Perkins Chairman

27 April 2016

#### Remuneration report

This report is drawn up in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the AIM Rules for Companies.

#### Remuneration committee

Details of the remuneration committee ("the committee") are set out on page 28.

#### Policy on directors' remuneration

In determining remuneration policy and the remuneration of directors, full consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code 2014. The committee seeks to provide remuneration packages that will attract, retain and motivate the best possible person for each position. The committee also wishes to align the interests of executives with shareholders. The Group's activities are based largely on agriculture, which is highly dependent on factors outside management control (e.g. weather and market prices for our produce), and this is a significant consideration as to why the company does not operate profit related bonus, share option or share incentive schemes for directors.

The remuneration policy for executives reflects the overriding remuneration philosophy and principles of the wider Group. When determining the remuneration policy and arrangements for directors, the committee considers pay and employment conditions elsewhere in the Group to ensure that pay structures are appropriately aligned and that levels of remuneration remain appropriate in this context. The remuneration policy, approved by shareholders at the AGM held on 5 June 2014, took effect from the date of that AGM and will be applied for a period of three years until the AGM in 2017. This policy takes into account any views of the shareholders expressed to the committee on directors' remuneration.

At the AGM on 4 June 2015, the remuneration report for the year to 31 December 2014 was approved by shareholders with 99.97% of the votes cast in favour, 0.02% of the votes cast against and 0.01% of the votes withheld.

#### Service contracts

Director

Malcolm Perkins, Tom Franks, Graham Mclean and Susan Walker are each employed on rolling service contracts.

Malcolm Perkins	25 April 2002
Tom Franks	8 April 2015
Graham Mclean	10 April 2015
Susan Walker	14 April 2015

Date of Service Contract

The service contracts are terminable at any time by a one year period of notice from the company or the director. Following their initial appointment non-executive directors may seek re-election by shareholders at each subsequent annual general meeting. Non-executive directors do not have service agreements. There are no specific contractual provisions for compensation upon early termination of a non-executive director's employment. The remuneration committee reviews salaries annually and will seek independent professional advice when appropriate.

#### Remuneration report

The following sections on directors' remuneration and pensions have been audited.

#### Directors' remuneration

					Employer					
	Basic Rea	muneration	Benefi	s in Kind	Loss	of Office	Pension (	Contribu	tion To	otal
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Executive										
Malcolm Perkins	442,344	433,671	32,680	32,519	_	-			475,024	466,190
Tom Franks	426,800	96,250	49,112	6,974	_	-	-	-	475,912	103,224
Susan Walker	175,963	_	80,153	-	_	_	14,077	_	270,193	_
Graham Mclean	255,000	65,500	26,074	89,111	_	_	20,400	5,000	301,474	159,611
Chris Ames	161,890	281,007	13,962	26,161	368,896	_	_	<i>3,587</i>	544,748	310,755
Peter Field	271,006	265,692	26,231	26,113	_	-	_	_	297,237	291,805
Anil Mathur	109,671	248,860	26,285	42,268	-	-	-	-	135,956	291,128
Non-executive		*								
Martin Dünki	_	<i>35,795</i>	_	_	_	-	_	-	-	<i>35,795</i>
William Gibson	42,500	14,167	_	_	_	_	_	_	42,500	14,167
Chris Relleen	62,500	62,500	_	_	_	_	_	_	62,500	62,500
Charles Vaughan-Johnson	_	18,362	_	_	_	_	-	-	-	18,362
Frederic Vuilleumier	40,000	40,000	_	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
Totals	1,987,674	1,561,804	254,497	223,146	368,896		34,477	8,587	2,645,544	1,793,537

#### Notes

- 1. The Executive directors' benefits in kind include the value attributed to medical insurance, permanent health insurance, spouse/partner travel and cash alternatives to company cars. Susan Walker received a payment of £50,000 for relocation expenses. She was appointed as a director on 2 April 2015.
- 2. Anil Mathur retired as a director on 4 June 2015.
- 3. Chris Ames resigned from the board on 10 July 2015 and received a payment of £368,896 for loss of office. This included a payment in lieu of notice equivalent to 12 months of base salary and benefits in kind.
- 4. Chris Relleen receives an additional annual fee for his chairmanship of the Audit Committee and for his non-executive directorship of Duncan Lawrie Limited.
- 5. William Gibson receives an additional annual fee for his chairmanship of the Remuneration Committee.
- 6. Martin Dünki resigned as a director on 24 November 2014.
- 7. Charles Vaughan-Johnson retired as director on 5 June 2014.

#### Directors' pensions

UK employees, including executive directors, are eligible to join pension schemes operated within the Group. Malcolm Perkins was a member of The Linton Park Group Pension Scheme up until 28 February 2010. Peter Field and Anil Mathur were members of the Linton Park Pension Scheme 2011 until 5 April 2012.

There was no pensionable service for Malcolm Perkins, Peter Field and Anil Mathur during 2015.

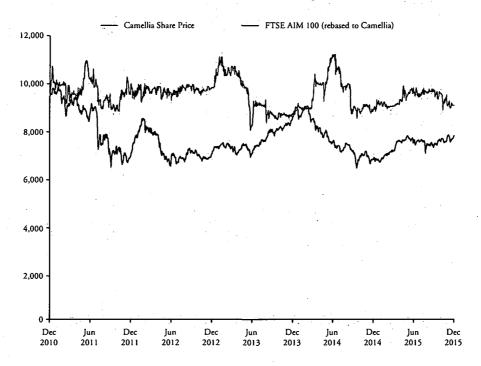
Tom Franks receives an excess non-pensionable salary supplement equivalent to 10% of base salary. Chris Ames received an excess non-pensionable salary supplement equivalent to 25% of base salary. Graham Mclean and Susan Walker are members of the Linton Park Group Personal Pension Scheme which is a defined contribution based scheme.

In addition to the above, an unfunded pension of US\$200,000 per annum is paid to Gordon Fox, a former director of the company.

#### Remuneration report

#### Performance review

The following graph shows the total return on an investment in the company's shares over the 5 years ended 31 December 2015 compared with the return achieved by the FTSE AIM 100 Index. This index has been selected as there is no specific index that is comparable to the activities of the company.



By order of the Board Julia Morton Secretary 27 April 2016

# Consolidated income statement for the year ended 31 December 2015

		Headline profit (note 4)	2015 Separately disclosed items	Total	Headline profit (note 4)	2014 Separately disclosed items	Total
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue Cost of sales	2 3	257,800 (173,606)	(6,056)	257,800 (179,662)	238,868 (163,728)	<u>-</u>	238,868 (163,728)
Gross profit Other operating		84,194	(6,056)	78,138	<i>75,140</i>	· <u>-</u>	75,140
income Distribution costs Administrative		1,872 (12,954)	<u>-</u> -	1,872 (12,954)	2,179 (12,700)	-	2,179 (12,700)
expenses		(58,004)		(58,004)	<i>(53,507)</i>		<u>(53,507)</u>
Trading profit Share of associates'	3	15,108	(6,056)	9,052	11,112	-	11,112
results Impairment of available-for-sale	5	4,182		4,182	1,092	-	1,092
financial assets Impairment of property, plant and equipment	6	<del>-</del>	(516)	(516)	-	(2,334)	(2,334)
and provisions	7	-	230	230	-	(1,134)	(1,134)
Profit on disposal of non-current assets Profit on disposal of	8	-	3,687	3,687	-	-	-
available-for-sale investments Gain arising from changes in fair value of biological assets: Excluding Malawi		-	353	353	<del>-</del> 	447	447
Kwacha exceptional gain Malawi Kwacha exceptional gain	ı			16,220			7,842 978
	19	_	20,639	20,639	_	8,820	8,820
Profit from operations Investment income		19,290 1,440	18,337	37,627 1,440	12,204 2,161		18,003 2,161
Finance income Finance costs Net exchange gain Employee benefit expense	9 9 9			3,045 (687) 798 (1,699)			2,864 (608) 607 (1,044)
Net finance income	9	3,156	(1,699)	1,457	2,863	(1,044)	1,819
Profit before tax		23,886	16,638	40,524	17,228	4,755	21,983
Taxation	10			(18,590)			<u>(13,673)</u>
Profit for the year				21,934			8,310
Profit attributable to: Owners of the parent Non-controlling interests				12,449 9,485 21,934			2,836 5,474 8,310
Earnings per share – basic and diluted	13			450.7p			102.7р

#### Statement of comprehensive income

for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Group Profit for the year		21,934	8,310
riont for the year		21,954	0,510
Other comprehensive income/(expense):			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		•	
Remeasurements of post employment benefit obligations	33	9,115	(20,341)
Deferred tax movement in relation to post employment benefit obligations	32	619	698
		9,734	(19,643)
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Foreign exchange translation differences		(15,535)	7,533
Available-for-sale investments:			•
Valuation gains taken to equity	23	211	2,822
Transferred to income statement on sale	23	(161)	(364)
Share of other comprehensive income of associates		(51)	<u> </u>
Tax relating to components of other comprehensive income		(29)	72
		(15,565)	10,063
Other comprehensive expense for the year, net of tax		(5,831)	(9,580)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year	٠.	16,103	(1,270)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		12,157	(6,801)
Non-controlling interests		3,946	5,531
		16,103	(1,270)
Company	•		
Profit for the year		4,095	3,610
Total comprehensive income for the year	• . •	4,095	3,610

# Consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 2015

				2015	2014
			Notes	£'000	£'000
Non-current assets	•				
Intangible assets			16	7,915	7,072
Property, plant and equipment			17	92,894	104,923
Investment properties			18	15,751	-
Biological assets			19	144,821	139,999
Prepaid operating leases		•	20	840	900
Investments in associates			22	48,882	8,664
Deferred tax assets			32	2,534	184
Available-for-sale financial assets			23	30,594	<i>63,488</i>
Held-to-maturity financial assets			24	27,661	
Other investments - heritage assets			25	9,020	8,864
Retirement benefit surplus			33	176	805
Trade and other receivables			27	22,734	23,303
Total non-current assets				403,822	358,202
Current assets			-		
Inventories			26	37,749	41,841
Trade and other receivables			27	55,554	63,292
Held-to-maturity financial assets			24	1,849	_
Current income tax assets				772	548
Cash and cash equivalents			28	237,772	257,164
Total current assets	:			333,696	362,845
Current liabilities					
Borrowings			30	(5,366)	(2,855)
Trade and other payables			29	(258,894)	(258,292)
Current income tax liabilities		*		(9,346)	(5,609)
Employee benefit obligations			33	(1,017)	(527)
Provisions			31	(267)	(636)
Total current liabilities				(274,890)	(267,919)
Net current assets				58,806	94,926
Total assets less current liabilities				462,628	453,128
Non-current liabilities				<del> </del>	
Borrowings			30	(5,131)	(42)
Trade and other payables			29	(4,392)	(5,130)
Deferred tax liabilities			32	(42,481)	(41,618)
Émployee benefit obligations			33	(37,793)	(41,885)
Other non-current liabilities	• .			-	(98)
Total non-current liabilities		•		(89,797)	(88,773)
Net assets				372,831	364,355
E					
Equity			21	202	202
Called up share capital			34	282	282 15 208
Share premium				15,298	15,298 206 124
Reserves				314,850	306,124
Equity attributable to owners of the p	arent			330,430	321,704
Non-controlling interests	•			42,401	42,651
<del>-</del>					
Total equity				372,831	364,355

# Company balance sheet at 31 December 2015

			Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Non-current assets			110103	2 000	2000
Investments in subsidiaries			21	73,508	73,508
Available-for-sale financial assets			23	170	170
Other investments - heritage assets			25	10,213	8,869
Total non-current assets				83,891	82,547
Current assets				· ·	*
Amounts due from group undertakings	•			10,535	4,885
Current income tax asset	•	-		74	74
Cash and cash equivalents			28	2,202	<u> </u>
Total current assets				12,811	4,959
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables			29	(133)	(134)
Amounts due to group undertakings			•	(30,168)	(21,483)
Total current liabilities		•		(30,301)	(21,617)
Net current liabilities				(17,490)	(16,658)
Total assets less current liabilities				66,401	65,889
Non-current liabilities					
Deferred tax liabilities			32	(216)	(240)
Total non-current liabilities				(216)	(240)
Net assets				66,185	65,649
Equity					•
Called up share capital			34	282	282
Share premium	+ *			15,298	15,298
Reserves				50,605	50,069
Total equity				66,185	65,649

The notes on pages 40 to 95 form part of the financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 33 to 95 were approved on 27 April 2016 by the board of directors and signed on their behalf by:

M C Perkins

Chairman

Registered Number 29559

# Consolidated cash flow statement

for the year ended 31 December 2015

		Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Cash generated from operations		110163	2000	2000
Cash flows from operating activities		35	39,384	17,080
Interest paid			(614)	(655)
Income taxes paid			(9,368)	(11,595)
Interest received			3,081	2,871
Dividends received from associates			1,185	244
Net cash flow from operating activities			33,668	7,945
	,			
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of intangible assets			(1,362)	(66)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment			(10,686)	(19,019)
Proceeds from sale of non-current assets			6,542	264
Purchase of investment property		: :	(8,700)	_
Biological asset - new planting			(5,612)	(5,072)
Part disposal of subsidiaries			299	251
Non-controlling interest subscription				88
Purchase of own shares			_	(471)
Purchase of available-for-sale financial assets			(2,288)	(308)
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale financial assets			1,677	1,935
Income from investments			1,440	2,161
Purchase of other investments - heritage assets			(164)	(126)
Proceeds from sale of other investments - heritage assets		٠	12	5
Net cash flow from investing activities			(18,842)	(20,358)
Cash flows from financing activities			(2 400)	(3,452)
Equity dividends paid	*		(3,480) (4,495)	(3,990)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests			6,000	(3,990)
New loans			(397)	(202)
Loans repaid			(397) (4)	(15)
Finance lease payments			<del></del>	
Net cash flow from financing activities			(2,376)	(7,502)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			12,450	(19,915)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		28	54,122	72,900
Exchange (losses)/gains on cash			(966)	1,137
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		28	65,606	54,122

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents are included net of overdrafts repayable on demand. These overdrafts are excluded from the definition of cash and cash equivalents disclosed on the balance sheet.

Cash and cash equivalents held by the group's banking subsidiaries are excluded.

# Company cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2015

		2015	2014
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Cash generated from operations Profit before tax		4.071	3,592
Adjustments for:		4,071	3,372
(Profit)/loss on disposal of investments		(21)	2
Interest income	*	(315)	(308)
Dividends from group companies		(5,500)	(5,000)
Decrease in trade and other payables		(1)	(4)
Net movement in intra-group balances		3,035	532
	·		(1.105)
Cash used in operations		1,269	(1,186)
Interest received		315	308
Net cash flow from operating activities	· _	1,584	(878)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of investments		32	5
Purchase of other investments - heritage assets		(1,355)	(126)
Purchase of own shares		<del>-</del> .	(471)
Dividends received	·	5,500	5,000
Net cash flow from investing activities	<u> -</u>	4,177	4,408
Cash flows from financing activities Equity dividends paid		(3,559)	(3,530)
Net cash flow from financing activities	<del>.</del>	(3,559)	(3,530)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents		2,202	_
	28		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year Exchange gain on cash	28		. <del>-</del>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	28	2,202	
	_		

# Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Treasury shares £'000	Retained earnings	Other reserves £'000	co Total £'000	Non- ontrolling interests £'000	Total equity £'000
Group At 1 January 2014	283	15,298	(400)	323,680	(6,395)	332,466	40,788	373,254
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for								
the year	-	-	-	(16,458)	9,657	(6,801)	5,531	(1,270)
Dividends	_	-	-	(3,452)	-	(3,452)	(3,990)	(7,442)
Non-controlling interest subscription	_	-	<del>-</del> .	(38)	-	(38)	322	284
Purchase of own shares	(1)			(471)	1	(471)		(471)
At 31 December 2014 Total comprehensive (expense)/income for	282	15,298	(400)	303,261	3,263	321,704	42,651	364,355
the year	_	_	_	22,160	(10,003)	12,157	3,946	16,103
Dividends		_	_	(3,480)	_	(3,480)	(4,495)	(7,975)
Non-controlling interest subscription	_	_	_	(35)	_	(35)	299	264
Share of associate's other equity movements	_	_	_	101	_	101	_	101
Loss on dilution of interest in associate				(17)		(17)		(17)
At 31 December 2015	282	15,298	(400)	321,990	(6,740)	330,430	42,401	372,831
Company								
At 1 January 2014	283	15,298	_	38,326	12,133	66,040	_	66,040
Total comprehensive income for the year	· <b>_</b>	_	_	3,610	_	3,610	_	3,610
Dividends		_	_	(3,530)	. —	(3,530)	_	(3,530)
Purchase of own shares	(1)		<u> </u>	(471)	1	(471)		(471)
At 31 December 2014	282	15,298	-	37,935	12,134	65,649	_	65,649
Total comprehensive income for the year	÷	-	-	4,095	-	4,095	· <u>-</u>	4,095
Dividends				(3,559)		(3,559)		(3,559)
At 31 December 2015	282	15,298		38,471	12,134	66,185		66,185

Other reserves of the group and company includes a £33,000 (2014: £33,000) capital redemption reserve and, in respect of the group, net exchange differences of £49,298,000 deficit (2014: £39,021,000 deficit).

Group retained earnings includes £140,684,000 (2014: £143,122,000) which would require exchange control permission for remittance as dividends.

# Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU, IFRS IC interpretations and the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis as modified by the revaluation of biological assets, available-for-sale investments, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

#### Going concern

The directors have, at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the company and the group have adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. They therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### Basis of consolidation

#### Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the company and entities controlled by the company (its subsidiaries) made up to 31 December each year.

On acquisition, the assets and liabilities of a subsidiary are measured at their fair values at the date of acquisition. Any excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired is recognised as goodwill. Any deficiency of the cost of acquisition below the fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired (i.e. discount on acquisition) is credited to the income statement in the period of acquisition. The group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognised amounts of acquiree's identifiable net assets.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or disposal, as appropriate.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by the group.

All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated on consolidation.

#### Associates

An associate is an entity over which the group is in a position to exercise significant influence, but not control or joint control, through participation in the financial and operating policy decisions of that entity.

Investments in associates are accounted for by the equity method of accounting. Under this method the group's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses of associates is recognised in the income statement and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves.

### Foreign currency translation

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At each balance sheet date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Translation differences on non-monetary items carried at fair value are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Gains and losses arising on retranslation are included in the income statement, except for exchange differences arising on non-monetary items where the changes in fair value are recognised directly in equity.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in sterling which is the company's functional and presentation currency. On consolidation, income statements and cash flows of foreign entities are translated into pounds sterling at average exchange rates for the year and their balance sheets are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising from the translation of the net investment in foreign entities and of borrowings designated as hedges of such investments, are taken to equity. When a foreign entity is sold such exchange differences arising since 1 January 2004 are recognised in the income statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal.

# Accounting policies

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entity and translated at the exchange rate ruling on the date of acquisition. The group has elected to treat goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisitions prior to 1 January 2004, the date of the group's transition from UK GAAP to IFRS, as sterling denominated assets and liabilities.

#### Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, value added tax and other sales related taxes and after eliminating intra-group sales.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) the group has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods:
- (ii) the group retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- (iii) the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- (iv) it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity; and
- (v) the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Invoices are raised when goods are despatched or when the risks and rewards of ownership otherwise irrevocably pass to the customer.

In respect of food storage and distribution services, revenue for handling is recognised at the point that the goods are actually handled.

In respect of engineering services, revenue is recognised based upon the stage of completion and includes costs incurred to date, plus accrued profits.

In respect of banking and financial services, fees and commissions are generally recognised on an accrual basis when the service has been provided.

#### Investment income

Investment income is recognised when the right to receive payment of a dividend is established.

#### Segmental reporting

The adoption of IFRS 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports used to assess performance and allocate resources by the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker has been identified as the Strategy Group led by the CEO. Inter segment sales are not significant.

#### **Exceptional** items

Exceptional items are those significant items which are separately disclosed by virtue of their size or incidence to enable a full understanding of the group's financial performance. Full disclosure of exceptional items are set out in notes 6, 7 and 8.

## Intangible assets

#### (i) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of a subsidiary or associate at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill is recognised as an asset and reviewed for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate a potential impairment. Any impairment is recognised immediately in the income statement and is not subsequently reversed.

On disposal of a subsidiary or associate, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

# Accounting policies

#### (ii) Identifiable intangible assets

Identifiable intangible assets include customer relationships and other intangible assets acquired on the acquisition of subsidiaries. Acquired intangible assets with finite lives are initially recognised at cost and amortised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, not exceeding 20 years. Intangible assets' estimated lives are re-evaluated annually and an impairment test is carried out if certain indicators of impairment exist.

#### (iii) Computer software

Acquired computer software licences are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. Computer software licences are held at cost and are amortised on a straight-line basis over 3 to 7 years.

Costs associated with developing or maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with identifiable and unique software products controlled by the group and which are expected to generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as an intangible asset and amortised over their estimated useful lives.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings comprises mainly factories and offices. All property, plant and equipment is shown at cost less subsequent depreciation and impairment, except for land, which is shown at cost less impairment. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of these assets.

On transition to IFRS, the group followed the transitional provisions and elected that previous UK GAAP revaluations be treated as deemed cost.

Subsequent costs are included in the assets' carrying amount, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

No depreciation is provided on freehold land. Depreciation of other property, plant and equipment is calculated to write off their cost less residual value over their expected useful lives.

The rates of depreciation used for the other assets are as follows:

Freehold and long leasehold buildings Other short leasehold land and buildings Plant, machinery, fixtures, fittings and equipment nil to 10 per cent. per annum unexpired term of the lease 4 to 33 per cent. per annum

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful lives on the same basis as owned assets, or, where shorter, over the term of the relevant lease.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is included in the income statement.

#### **Investment properties**

Properties held to earn rental income rather than for the purpose of the group's principal activities are classified as Investment properties. Investment properties are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and any recognised impairment loss. The depreciation policy is consistent with those described for other group properties.

Income from investment properties is disclosed in 'Revenue'. The related operating costs are immaterial and are included within administrative expenses.

# Accounting policies

#### **Biological assets**

Biological assets are measured at each balance sheet date at fair value. Any changes in fair value are recognised in the income statement in the year in which they arise. The basis under which fair value is determined for the group's biological assets are described below:

Tea and rubber are generally valued at each year end by independent professional valuers. The valuations take into account assumptions about the expected life span of plantings, yields, selling prices and sales of similar assets.

Costs of new areas planted are included as "new planting additions" in the biological assets note. Growing costs for tea and rubber are accounted for as a cost of inventory in the year in which they are incurred. The group does not recognise the fair value of harvested green leaf within cost of sales in the income statement. The increase in value is in effect offset against the fair value movement in biological assets.

Annually harvested agricultural assets such as edible nuts, citrus and avocados are generally valued on the basis of net present values of expected future cash flows from those assets, discounted at appropriate pre-tax rates and including certain assumptions about expected life span of the plantings, yields, selling prices, costs and discount rates. Growing costs incurred during the year are treated as "capitalised cultivation costs" in biological assets. As the crop is harvested and sold these accumulated costs are shown as "decrease due to harvesting" in biological assets and charged to cost of sales in the income statement.

Timber is valued on the basis of expected future cash flows from scheduled harvesting dates, discounted at appropriate pre-tax rates and including certain assumptions about expected life span, yields, selling prices, costs and discount rates. Growing costs incurred during the year are treated as "new planting additions" in biological assets. As the trees are harvested the value accumulated to date of harvest is treated as "decrease due to harvesting" and charged to cost of sales in the income statement.

Agricultural crops such as soya and maize are valued at estimated selling price less future anticipated costs. Growing costs incurred during the year are treated as "capitalised cultivation costs" in biological assets. As the crops are harvested the value accumulated to date of harvest is treated as "decrease due to harvesting" and charged to cost of sales in the income statement.

#### Financial assets

The group classifies its financial assets in the following categories: loans and receivables, available-for-sale and held-to-maturity. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period. These are classified as non-current assets. The group's loans and receivables comprise 'trade and other receivables' and 'cash and cash equivalents' in the balance sheet.

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. They are included in non-current assets unless the investment matures or management intends to dispose of it within 12 months of the end of the reporting period.

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the group's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. Were the group to sell other than an insignificant amount of held-to-maturity assets, the entire category would be tainted and reclassified as available-for-sale.

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date, the date on which the group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Available-for-sale financial assets are subsequently carried at fair value. Available-for-sale financial assets include shares of listed and unlisted companies. The fair values of listed shares are based on current bid values. Shares in unlisted companies are measured at cost as fair value cannot be reliably measured.

Changes in the fair value of monetary and non-monetary securities classified as available-for-sale are recognised in other comprehensive income. When securities classified as available-for-sale are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments recognised in equity are included in the income statement as 'Profit/(loss) on disposal of available-for-sale investments'.

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Dividends on available-for-sale equity instruments are recognised in the income statement as part of investment income when the group's right to receive payments is established.

Loans and receivables and held to maturity investments are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Other investments - heritage assets

Other investments comprise fine art, documents, manuscripts and philately which are measured at cost as fair value cannot be reliably measured.

#### Investments in subsidiary companies

Investments in subsidiary companies are included at cost plus incidental expenses less any provision for impairment. Impairment reviews are performed by the directors when there has been an indication of potential impairment.

#### Impairment of financial assets

#### (i) Assets carried at amortised cost

The group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

For the loans and receivables category, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognised in the consolidated income statement.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the reversal of the previously recognised impairment loss is recognised in the consolidated income statement.

#### (ii) Assets classified as available-for-sale

In the case of equity investments classified as available-for-sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is also evidence that the assets are impaired. If any such evidence exists for available-for-sale financial assets, the cumulative loss measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss is removed from equity and recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in the consolidated income statement on equity instruments are not reversed through the consolidated income statement. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of a debt instrument classified as available-for-sale increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed through the consolidated income statement.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment and whenever events or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Assets that are subject to amortisation are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the assets' carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an assets' fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units).

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#### Leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the group has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the lower of fair value and the estimated present value of the underlying lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance charges so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the finance balance outstanding. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in liabilities. The interest element of the finance cost is charged to the income statement over the lease period. Property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term.

Leases where a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

#### Inventories

Agricultural produce included within inventory largely comprises stock of 'black' tea. This is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the growing costs of 'green leaf' up to the date of harvest and factory costs incurred to bring the tea to its manufactured state.

In accordance with IAS 41, on initial recognition, agricultural produce is required to be measured at fair value less estimated point of sale costs. Given that there is no open market for green leaf, this is recognised in inventory at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Other inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Cost is calculated using the weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and selling expenses.

#### Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are carried at original invoice amount less provision made for impairment of these receivables. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms. The amount of the provision is recognised in the income statement.

Amounts due from customers of banking subsidiaries consist of loans and receivables which are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the bank provides money, goods or services directly to a customer with no intention of trading the receivable and are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet. In respect of the group's banking operation, cash and cash equivalents include cash and non-restricted balances with central banks, treasury bills and other eligible bills, loans and advances to banks, amounts due from other banks and short-term government securities.

#### Non-current assets held for sale

Non-current assets classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification.

### Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

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Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Borrowings

Interest-bearing bank loans and overdrafts are initially recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Finance charges, including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are accounted for on an accrual basis to the income statement using the effective interest method and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent that they are not settled in the period in which they arise.

#### **Taxation**

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The group liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the liability method. Deferred tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction, other than in a business combination, that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related tax asset is realised or the tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

#### **Employee benefits**

## (i) Pension obligations

Group companies operate various pension schemes. The schemes are funded through payments to insurance companies or trustee-administered funds. The group has both defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the group pays fixed contributions into a separate fund. The group has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions to the fund. Contributions are recognised as an expense in the income statement when they are due.

A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation. The pension cost for defined benefit schemes is assessed in accordance with the advice of qualified independent actuaries using the "projected unit" funding method.

The liability recognised in the balance sheet in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the balance sheet date less the fair value of plan assets. Independent actuaries calculate the obligation annually using the "projected unit" funding method. Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial adjustments are recognised in full in the period in which they occur, they are not recognised in the income statement and are presented in the statement of comprehensive income.

Past service costs are recognised directly in the income statement.

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#### (ii) Other post-employment benefit obligations

Some group companies have unfunded obligations to pay terminal gratuities to employees. Provisions are made for the estimated liability for gratuities as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date and any movement in the provision is recognised in the income statement.

The estimated monetary liability for employees' accrued annual leave entitlement at the balance sheet date is recognised as an accrual.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount has been reliably estimated.

The provision for onerous lease commitments is based on the expected vacancy period.

#### Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Where any group company purchases the company's equity share capital (treasury shares), the consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs (net of income taxes) is deducted from equity attributable to the company's equity holders until the shares are cancelled or reissued. Where such shares are subsequently reissued, any consideration received, net of any directly attributable incremental transaction costs and the related income tax effects, is included in equity attributable to the company's equity holders.

### Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the group's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the company's shareholders. Interim dividends are recognised when paid.

### Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting will, by definition, seldom equal the actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are set out below.

#### (i) Impairment of assets

The group has significant investments in intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, biological assets, associated companies and other investments. These assets are tested for impairment when circumstances indicate there may be a potential impairment. Factors considered which could trigger an impairment review include the significant fall in market values, significant underperformance relative to historical or projected future operating results, a major change in market conditions or negative cash flows.

# (ii) Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation and amortisation is based on management estimates of the future useful life of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. Estimates may change due to technological developments, competition, changes in market conditions and other factors and may result in changes in the estimated useful life and in the depreciation and amortisation charges.

#### (iii) Biological assets

Biological assets are carried at fair value less estimated point-of-sale costs. Where meaningful market-determined prices do not exist to assess the fair value of biological assets, the fair value has been determined based on the net present value of expected future cash flows from those assets, discounted at appropriate pre-tax rates. In determining the fair value of biological assets where the discounting of expected future cash flows has been used, the directors have made certain assumptions about expected life-span of the plantings, yields, selling prices, costs and discount rates.

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#### (iv) Retirement benefit obligations

Pension accounting requires certain assumptions to be made in order to value obligations and to determine the impact on the income statement. These figures are particularly sensitive to assumptions for discount rates, mortality, inflation rates and expected long-term rates of return on assets. Details of assumptions made are given in note 33.

#### (v) Taxation

The group is subject to taxes in numerous jurisdictions. Significant judgement is required in determining worldwide provisions for taxes. There are many transactions and calculations during the ordinary course of business for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain.

### (vi) Identifiable intangible assets - customer relationships

As described in note 16, goodwill and identifiable intangible assets relating to customer relationships acquired are valued using industry average multiples of assets under management, with the assumption being made that the nature of the group's assets under management are not dissimilar from industry averages and therefore will be valued in a similar manner. The valuation technique used is therefore sensitive to this assumption.

#### Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

# (i) New and amended standards adopted by the group

There are no new standards, amendments or interpretations with a material impact on the group for the year ended 31 December 2015.

### (ii) Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been adopted early by the group

The following standards and amendments to existing standards have been published and are mandatory for the group's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016 or later periods, but the group has not adopted them early:

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statement. None of these is expected to have a significant effect on the consolidated financial statements of the group, except the following set out below:

IAS 16 and IAS 41 (amendments) Reporting for bearer plants- effective from 1 January 2016

These amendments change the reporting for bearer plants, such as tea bushes, avocados, macadamia and rubber trees. Bearer plants should be accounted for under IAS 16 in the same way as property, plant and equipment because their operation is similar to that of manufacturing. The produce on bearer plants will remain in the scope of IAS 41. This standard has been endorsed by the EU with an effective date of 1 January 2016. This will have a material impact on the results of the group, the impact of which is illustrated on

IFRS 15

Revenue from contracts with customers - effective from 1 January 2018

This standard will replace IAS 18 which covers contracts for good and services and IAS 11 which covers construction contracts. The new standard is based on the principle that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service transfers to a customer - so the notion of control replaces the existing notion of risks and rewards. The standard permits a modified retrospective approach for the adoption. Under this approach entities will recognise transitional adjustments in retained earnings on the date of initial application (eg 1 January 2018), ie without restating the comparative period. They will only need to apply the new rules to contracts that are not completed as of the date of initial application. At this stage, the group is not able to estimate the impact of the new rules on the financial statements. This standard has not yet been endorsed by the EU.

## 1 Business and geographical segments

The principal activities of the group are as follows:

Agriculture

Engineering

Food Service

**Banking and Financial Services** 

For management reporting purposes these activities form the basis on which the group reports its primary divisions.

Banking and

Segment information about these businesses is presented below:

	Agricu	ılture	Engine	ering	Food S	ervice	Financial		Other ope	rations	Consol	idated
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Revenue External sales	186,547	164,247	24,126	28,872	31,903	30,941	13,077	12,373	2,147	2,435	257,800	238,868
Trading profit Segment profit/(loss)	26,300	27,204	(5,462)	(8,387)	723	943	(3,644)	(2,496)	(103)	131	17,814	17,395
Unallocated corporate expenses	•										(8,762)	(6,283)
Trading profit Share of associates' results Impairment of available-for-sale							4,182	1,092			9,052 4,182	11,112 1,092
financial assets											(516)	(2,334)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment and provisions Profit on disposal of	i										230	(1,134)
non-current assets Profit on disposal of											3,687	-
available-for-sale investments Gain arising from changes in fair	•										353	447
value of biological assets	20,639	8,820									20,639	8,820
Investment income											1,440	2,161
Net finance income											1,457	1,819
Profit before tax Taxation											40,524 (18,590)	21,983 (13,673)
Profit after tax											21,934	8,310
Other information												
Segment assets Investments in associates Unallocated assets	311,406	293,750	21,018	30,907	22,817	23,004	247,179 48,882	<i>254,503</i> 8,664	1,620	1,830	48,882	603,994 8,664 108,389
Consolidated total assets											737,518	721,047
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities	(45,399)	(32,252)	(4,336)	(12,107)	(4,533)	(5,814)	(211,100)	(217,449)	(516)	(577)		(268,199) (88,493)
Consolidated total liabilities											(364,687)	(356,692)
Capital expenditure Depreciation Amortisation Impairments	7,593 (4,967) (6)	8,492 (4,876) (10)	853 (1,989) (7)	2,213 (2,033) (2) (824)	1,640 (2,011) (111)	2,734 (2,229) (83)		193 (354) (411)	9,125 (252) (552)	5,387 (167) (2,360)	(516)	19,019 (9,659) (506) (3,184)

Segment assets consist primarily of intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, investment properties, biological assets, prepaid operating leases, inventories, trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents. Receivables for tax have been excluded. Investments in associates, valued using the equity method, have been shown separately in the segment information. Segment liabilities are primarily those relating to the operating activities and generally exclude liabilities for taxes, short-term loans, finance leases and non-current liabilities.

#### Notes to the accounts

#### 1 Business and geographical segments (continued)

## Geographical segments

The group operations are based in nine main geographical areas. The United Kingdom is the home country of the parent. The principal geographical areas in which the group operates are as follows:

United Kingdom

Continental Europe

Bangladesh

India

Kenya

Malawi

North America and Bermuda

South Africa

South America

The following table provides an analysis of the group's sales by geographical market, irrespective of the origin of the goods/services:

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	62,054	67,478
Continental Europe	30,512	21,396
Bangladesh	17,875	16,645
India	63,495	58,828
Kenya	34,618	<i>25,933</i>
Malawi	5,860	6,092
North America and Bermuda	8,991	11,475
South Africa	1,368	1,168
South America	3,738	5,125
Other	29,289	24,728
	257,800	238,868

The following is an analysis of the carrying amount of segment assets and additions to property, plant and equipment and investment properties, analysed by the geographical area in which the assets are located:

•	Carrying amount of		Additions	to property,	Additions to		
	segme	nt assets	plant and	equipment	investment properties		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000	
United Kingdom	292,022	304,876	2,939	10,052	8,700	_	
Continental Europe	4,923	5,590	147	412	_	_	
Bangladesh	59,308	52,663	745	988	_	-	
India	84,897	<i>79,712</i>	2,676	2,883	_	-	
Kenya	73,041	66,189	2,750	1,335	-	-	
Malawi	59,498	62,005	591	1,746	-	-	
North America and Bermuda	11,793	11,170	238	670	_	-	
South Africa	9,883	10,347	387	<i>507</i>	_	-	
South America	8,675	11,442	213	426	<del>_</del> -		
	604,040	603,994	10,686	19,019	8,700	_	

1	Business and geograph	ical segments (continu	ied)				
	Results of banking subsi	diaries				2015	2014
						£,000	£'000
	Interest receivable	third parties				3,157	2,415
		group companies				32	_
	Interest payable	third parties			* .	(576)	(163)
		group companies				(24)	(17)
	Net interest income					2,589	2,235
	Fee and commission inc	ome				11,418	10,707
	Fee and commission exp	ense				(922)	(586)
	Inter-segment net intere	st				(8)	17
	Revenue					13,077	12,373
	Other operating income	:				45	211
						13,122	12,584
	Operating expenses		14			(16,766)	(15,080)
	Segment loss		•	•	•	(3,644)	(2,496)
2	Revenue						
	An analysis of the group	's revenue is as follows:					
		• •				2015	2014
						£,000	£'000
	Sale of goods					187,712	165,768
	Distribution and wareho	ousing revenue				31,903	30,941
	Engineering services reve					24,126	28,872
	Banking service revenue					13,077	<i>12,373</i>
	Agency commission reve					523	644
	Property rental revenue					459	270
	Total group revenue					257,800	238,868
	Other operating income					1,872	2,179
	Investment income					1,440	2,161
	Interest income					3,045	2,864
	Total group income					264,157	246,072

# Notes to the accounts

Trading profit

Operating leases - lease payments: Plant and machinery

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
The following items have been included in arriving at trading profit:		
Employment costs (note 14)*	100,167	82,113
Inventories:		
Cost of inventories recognised as an expense (included in cost of sales)	124,013	110,492
Cost of inventories provision recognised as an expense (included in cost of sales)	520	411
Cost of inventories provision reversed (included in cost of sales)	(22)	(19)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment:		
Owned assets	9,371	9,619
Under finance leases	114	40
Amortisation of intangibles (included in administrative expenses)	516	506
Impairment of available-for-sale financial assets (included in administrative expenses)	36	26
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(138)	(125)

780

711

4,505

353 938

4,650

Currency exchange (gains)/losses (credited)/charged to income include:

Repairs and maintenance expenditure on property, plant and equipment

Revenue		(1,747)	(652)
Cost of sales		70	(16)
Distribution costs		18	(173)
Administrative expenses		(52)	14
Finance income	•	(798)	(607)
		(2,509)	(1,434)

Included in the amounts above is an exchange gain of £1,792,000 (2014: £1,879,000 gain) relating to the Malawian Kwacha. During the year the group (including its overseas subsidiaries) obtained the following services from the company's auditor and its associates:

### Audit services:

Statutory audit:		
Parent company and consolidated financial statements	184	<i>179</i>
Subsidiary companies	755	691
	939	870
Audit - related regulatory reporting	71	60
Tax services:		
Compliance services	25	19
Advisory services	105	-
Other services not covered above	288	30
	1,428	979

<sup>\*</sup> Includes a charge of £6,056,000 (2014: £nil) in cost of sales for past service relating to recently enacted legislation in Bangladesh which requires companies to make a payment on retirement or other events terminating employment, based upon compensation and length of service.

#### 4 Headline profit

The group seeks to present an indication of the underlying performance which is not impacted by exceptional items or items considered non-operational in nature. This measure of profit is described as 'headline' and is used by management to measure and monitor performance.

The following items have been excluded from the headline measure and have been separately disclosed:

- Provision for past service costs in Bangladesh.
- Exceptional items, including profit and losses from disposal of non-current assets and available-for-sale investments and impairments of non-current assets.
- Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of biological assets, which are a non-cash item, and the directors believe should be excluded to give a better understanding of the group's underlying performance.
- Financing income and expense relating to retirement benefits.

#### 5 Share of associates' results

The group's share of the results of associates is analysed below:

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Profit before tax	5,188	1,814
Taxation Profit after tax	$\frac{(1,006)}{4,182} -$	1,092
Profit after tax	4,182	1,0

Following a re-evaluation of the group's relationship with BF&M Limited (note 22), six months of the group's share of BF&M's result for the period ending 31 December 2015 have been included in the above results. In addition, £22,677,000 has been credited to the income statement which reflected the negative goodwill arising from the recognition of BF&M Limited as an associate, this has been offset by an impairment provision of £22,677,000 which has been provided against the group's equity carrying value of this investment to reflect its fair value. The net effect of these two items on the income statement is £nil.

#### 6 Impairment of available-for-sale financial assets

Impairment provisions of £279,000 (2014: £2,334,000) and £237,000 (2014: £nil) have been made against the group's investments in Ascendant Group, a Bermudian power company and Bermuda Press Holdings, a Bermudian newspaper publishing and commercial printing company respectively, following significant long-term declines in the value of these investments.

#### 7 Impairment of property, plant and equipment and provisions

Following the closure of AKD Engineering Limited in June 2015 and the subsequent sale of the property, plant and equipment, the provisions made in 2014 have now been utilised resulting in a £230,000 credit of excess amounts. In 2014, a total provision of £1,134,000 was made, which included a £824,000 impairment provision against property, plant and equipment and £310,000 of provisions including £267,000 in relation to an onerous lease.

#### 8 Profit on disposal of non-current assets

A profit of £1,613,000 was realised in relation to the property, plant and equipment previously owned by AKD Engineering Limited which was sold following the closure of the business at the end of June 2015.

Profit of £2,074,000 was realised during the year in relation to the disposal of former sites owned by Abbey Metal Finishing Company Limited and GU Cutting and Grinding Services Limited.

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9	Finance income and costs				
				2015	2014
				£,000	£'000
	Interest payable on loans and bank overdrafts			(687)	(607)
	Interest payable on obligations under finance leases			· -	(1)
	Finance costs			(687)	(608)
	Finance income – interest income on short-term bank deposits			3,045	2,864
	Net exchange gain on foreign cash balances		1:11	798	607
	Employee benefit expense (note 33)			(1,699)	(1,044)
	Net finance income			1,457	1,819
	The above figures do not include any amounts relating to the banking subsidiaries				
10	Taxation				
	Analysis of charge in the year		2015		2014
		£'000		£'000	£'000
	Current tax				
	UK corporation tax				
	UK corporation tax at 20.25 per cent. (2014: 21.50 per cent.)	152			882
	Double tax relief	(152)			(882)
					_
	Foreign tax				
	Corporation tax	11,723			10,353
•	Adjustment in respect of prior years	1,536			646
				13,259	10,999
	Total current tax			13,259	10,999
	Deferred tax				
	Origination and reversal of timing differences		•		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
	Overseas			5,331	2,674
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities			18,590	13,673
	Towns of all and for the second				
	Factors affecting tax charge for the year Profit on ordinary activities before tax			40,524	21,983
	Share of associated undertakings profit			(4,182)	(1,092)
			_	36,342	
	Group profit on ordinary activities before tax		· <u> </u>	30,342	<u>20,891</u>
	Tax on ordinary activities at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20.25 per cent. (2014: 21.5 per cent.)			7,359	4,492
	Effects of:				
	Adjustment to tax in respect of prior years			1,536	646
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes			1,765	2,477
	Adjustment in respect of foreign tax rates			4,991 1,244	4,100 643
	Additional tax arising on dividends from overseas companies Other income not charged to tax			(1,295)	(1,787)
	Increase in tax losses carried forward			2,350	3,207
	Movement in other timing differences			640	(105)
	Total tax charge for the year			18,590	13,673
	Total tax charge for the year			10,770	10,070

11	Profit for the year	2015	2014
		£'000	£'000
		2 000	2 000
	The profit of the company was:	4,095	3,610
	The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Section 408 of the Compani income statement.	es Act 2006 not to disc	lose its
12	Equity dividends		
		2015	2014
		£'000	£'000
	Amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders in the period:		
	Final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2014 of		
	92p ( <i>2013: 91p</i> ) per share	2,541	2,513
	Interim dividend for the year ended 31 December 2015 of		
	34p (2014: 34p) per share	939	939
		3,480	3,452
	Dividends amounting to £79,000 (2014: £78,000) have not been included as group cor in the company. These are classified as treasury shares.	npanies hold 62,500 iss	ued shares
	Proposed final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2015 of	2 (02	2.500
	95p ( <i>2014: 92p</i> ) per share	2,683	2,599

# 13 Earnings per share (EPS)

		2015			2014	
		Weighted			Weighted	
		average			average	
		number of			number of	
	Earnings	shares	EPS	Earnings	shares	EPS
	£'000	Number	Pence	£'000	Number	Pence
Basic and diluted EPS						
Attributable to ordinary shareholders	12,449	2,762,000	450.7	2,836	2,762,264	102.7
-						

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing the earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period, excluding those held by the group as treasury shares (note 34).

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# 14 Employees

	2015	2014
	Number	Number
Average number of employees by activity:		
Agriculture	77,552	<i>79,994</i>
Engineering	319	390
Food Service	307	<i>283</i>
Banking and Financial Services	154	127
Central Management	22	23
Other	21	17
	78,375	80,834
	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Employment costs:		
Wages and salaries	84,280	74,307
Social security costs	3,540	3,626
Employee benefit obligations (see note 33) – UK	2,138	1,872
- Overseas	10,209	2,308
	100,167	82,113

Total remuneration paid to key employees who are members of the Executive Committees and who are key employees of Duncan Lawrie, excluding directors of Camellia Plc, amounted to £844,000 (2014: £875,000).

Further details of directors' emoluments are set out on pages 30 to 31.

# 15 Emoluments of the directors

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Aggregate emoluments excluding pension contributions	2,611	1,785

Emoluments of the highest paid director excluding pension contributions were £476,000 (2014: £466,000). Further details of directors' emoluments are set out on pages 30 to 31.

### 16 Intangible assets

	Goodwill £'000	Customer relationships £'000	Computer software £'000	Total £'000
Group				
Cost .				
At 1 January 2014	3,978	4,814	2,466	11,258
Exchange differences	-	_	9	9
Additions	_	-	66	66
Reclassification from property, plant and equipment			2,503	2,503
At 1 January 2015	3,978	4,814	5,044	13,836
Exchange differences	_	_	(1)	(1)
Additions	-	_	1,362	1,362
Disposals			(43)	(43)
At 31 December 2015	3,978	4,814	6,362	15,154
Amortisation				
At 1 January 2014	_	1,833	2,076	3,909
Exchange differences	-	-	8	8
Reclassification from property, plant and equipment	_	_	2,341	2,341
Charge for the year	<del>_</del>	241	265	506
At 1 January 2015	_	2,074	4,690	6,764
Exchange differences	_	_	2	2
Disposals	_	_	(43)	(43)
Charge for the year		241	275	516
At 31 December 2015		2,315	4,924	7,239
Net book value at 31 December 2015	3,978	2,499	1,438	7,915
Net book value at 31 December 2014	3,978	2,740	354	7,072

#### Impairment testing

## Timing of impairment testing

The group's impairment test in respect of goodwill and customer relationships allocated to each component of the cash-generating unit ('CGU') is performed as at 31 December each year. In line with the accounting policy, impairment testing is also performed whenever there is an indication that the assets may be impaired. There was no indication of impairment in the year to 31 December 2015. For the purpose of this impairment testing, the group's CGU components represent the wealth management element of the holistic private banking service provided by Duncan Lawrie.

# Basis of the recoverable amount - value in use or fair value less costs to sell

The recoverable amount of the CGU to which customer relationships and goodwill have been allocated was assessed at each respective testing date in 2015 and 2014. The wealth management component of the CGU is assessed on the basis of the fair value less costs to sell by applying industry average multiples to the value of assets under management.

Based on the conditions at the balance sheet date, a change in any of the key assumptions described above would not cause an impairment to be recognised in respect of goodwill and customer relationships. The industry multiple applied would have to reduce to 1 per cent. before any impairment of goodwill or customer relationships would arise.

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Property, plant and equipment				
			Fixtures,	
	Land and	Plant and	fittings and	
	buildings	machinery	equipment	Total
Group	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Deemed cost				
At 1 January 2014	82,920	99,024	20,409	202,353
Exchange differences	1,036	768	123	1,927
Additions	9,881	8,049	1,089	19,019
Disposals	(466)	(1,234)	(153)	(1,853)
Reclassification to intangible assets	_		(2,503)	(2,503)
At 1 January 2015	93,371	106,607	18,965	218,943
Exchange differences	(1,672)	(3,846)	(164)	(5,682)
Additions	4,189	5,323	1,174	10,686
Disposals	(3,775)	(3,480)	(952)	(8,207)
Reclassification to investment properties	(7,750)	_	_	(7,750)
Reclassification to other investments – heritage assets			(94)	(94)
At 31 December 2015	84,363	104,604	18,929	207,896
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2014	35,249	59,426	11,838	106,513
Exchange differences	409	592	78	1,079
Charge for the year	2,383	6,522	754	9,659
Disposals	(452)	(1,157)	(105)	(1,714)
Impairment provision	337	461	26	824
Reclassification to intangible assets	<u>-</u>		(2,341)	(2,341)
At 1 January 2015	37,926	65,844	10,250	114,020
Exchange differences	(486)	(1,715)	(119)	(2,320)
Charge for the year	2,592	5,924	969	9,485
Disposals	(1,719)	(3,095)	(676)	(5,490)
Reclassification to investment properties	(608)	_	_	(608)
Reclassification to other investments - heritage assets	_	-	(85)	(85)
At 31 December 2015	37,705	66,958	10,339	115,002
Net book value at 31 December 2015	46,658	37,646	8,590	92,894
Net book value at 31 December 2014	55,445	40,763	8,715	104,923
Land and buildings at net book value comprise:				
			2015	2014
			£'000	£'000
Freehold			25,363	33,779
Long leasehold			20,794	20,630
Short leasehold			501	1,036
			46,658	55,445

Plant and machinery includes assets held under finance leases. The depreciation charge for the year in respect of these assets was £nil (2014: £9,000) and their net book value was £nil (2014: £14,000).

The amount of expenditure for property, plant and equipment in the course of construction amounted to £1,901,000 (2014: £948,000).

# 18 Investment properties

			 £'000
Group			•
Cost			
At 1 January 2015			· -
Exchange differences			(61)
Additions			8,700
Transfers from property, plant and equipment			7,750
At 31 December 2015			16,389
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2015			_
Exchange differences			(9)
Charge for the year			39
Transfers from property, plant and equipment			608
At 31 December 2015		•	638
Net book value at 31 December 2015	:		15,751

Included in revenue is £459,000 of rental income generated from investment properties. Direct operating expenses arising on the investment property, the majority of which generated rental income in the period, amount to £238,000.

At the end of the year the fair value of investment properties was £21,446,000. Investment properties were valued by the directors (fair value hierarchy Level 2).

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#### 19 Biological assets

		Edible			
	Tea	nuts	Timber	Other	Total
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Group					
At 1 January 2014	77,316	21,319	10,193	18,387	127,215
Exchange differences	1,759	(380)	(67)	548	1,860
New planting additions	1,919	2,602	551	_	5,072
Capitalised cultivation costs	_	1,285	_	4,351	5,636
Gains arising from changes in fair value					
less estimated point-of-sale costs	4,566	4,109	(29)	174	8,820
Decreases due to harvesting		(2,969)	(496)	(5,139)	(8,604)
At 1 January 2015	85,560	25,966	10,152	18,321	139,999
Exchange differences	(8,002)	(7,847)	(1,757)	(534)	(18,140)
New planting additions	2,487	2,602	523	_	5,612
Capitalised cultivation costs	_	1,788	_	4,323	6,111
Gains arising from changes in fair value					
less estimated point-of-sale costs	5,199	12,217	1,748	1,475	20,639
Decreases due to harvesting		(4,009)	(465)	(4,926)	(9,400)
At 31 December 2015	85,244	30,717	10,201	18,659	144,821

Other includes avocados, citrus, grapes, livestock, maize, pineapples, rubber and soya.

Biological assets are carried at fair value. Where meaningful market-determined prices do not exist to assess the fair value of biological assets, the fair value has been determined based on the net present value of expected future cash flows from those assets, discounted at appropriate pre-tax rates. At 31 December 2015 professional valuations were obtained on a significant proportion of assets. In determining the fair value of biological assets where the discounting of expected future cash flows has been used, the directors have made certain assumptions about the expected life-span of the plantings, yields, selling prices and costs. The fair value of livestock is based on market prices of livestock of similar age and sex.

New planting additions represents new areas planted to the particular crop at cost.

For crops other than tea and rubber capitalised cultivation costs represent annual growing costs incurred. Growing costs for tea and rubber are charged directly to inventory which are included in cost of sales and do not include any uplift on initial recognition as no appropriate market value can be determined for green leaf and rubber produced at harvest prior to manufacturing.

Decreases due to harvesting represent values transferred to cost of sales at the point of harvest for agricultural produce other than tea and rubber.

## 19 Biological assets (continued)

The discount rates used reflect the cost of capital, an assessment of country risk and the risks associated with individual crops. The range of discount rates used is:

		Edible		
	Tea	nuts	Timber	Other
	%	%	%	%
2015	13.5	12.0 - 17.5	10.5 – 17.5	5.0 – 17.5
2014	13.5	12.0 - 17.5	10.5 - 17.5	5.0 - 17.5

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During the year the Malawian kwacha depreciated in value from 725.05 (2014: 712.19) to the pound sterling at 1 January 2015 to 984.22 (2014: 725.05) to the pound sterling at 31 December 2015. The functional currency of our Malawian subsidiaries is the kwacha. The principal assets in Malawi are agricultural assets. As they generate revenues in currencies other than the kwacha their value in hard currency has not fallen in the year. Accordingly, the revaluation of the agricultural assets in kwacha under IAS 41 at 31 December 2015 has generated a credit of £17,917,000 (2014: £6,546,000) including a gain of £16,220,000 (2014: £978,000) due to the currency devaluation which is included in the overall gain of £20,639,000 (2014: £8,820,000) credited to the income statement. This has been largely offset by a foreign exchange translation loss charged to reserves.

#### Fair value measurement

All of the biological assets fall under level 3 of the hierarchy defined in IFRS 13.

The basis upon which the valuations are determined is set out in accounting policies on page 43.

Valuations by external professional valuers and those derived from discounted cash flows both make assumptions based on unobservable inputs of: yields, an increase in which will raise the value; costs, an increase in which will decrease the value; market prices, an increase in which will raise the value; life span of the plantings, an increase in which will raise the value; discount rates, an increase in which will decrease the value. These assumptions vary significantly across different countries, crops and varieties. In preparing these valuations a long term view is taken on the yields and prices achieved.

#### Financial risk management strategies

The group is exposed to financial risks arising from changes in the prices of the agricultural products it produces. The group does not anticipate that these prices will decline significantly in the foreseeable future. There are no futures markets available for the majority of crops grown by the group. The group's exposure to this risk is mitigated by the geographical spread of its operations, selective forward selling in certain instances when considered appropriate, and regular review of available market data on sales and production. The group monitors closely the returns it achieves from its crops and considers replacing its biological assets when yields decline with age or markets change.

Further financial risk arises from changes in market prices of key cost components, such costs are closely monitored.

The estimated fair value of agricultural output from our tea operations after deducting estimated points of sales costs is £79,438,000 (2014: £73,457,000) which includes a gain on initial recognition at the point of harvest of £14,128,000 (2014: £13,093,000).

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# 19 Biological assets (continued)

The areas planted to the various crop types at the end of the year were:

			2015	2014
		]	Hectares	Hectares
Tea			34,617	34,345
Macadamia			3,338	3,060
Pistachios		•	131	130
Almonds			56	56
Timber			6,251	5,822
Arable crops			3,374	3,528
Avocados			451	414
Citrus			177	<i>178</i>
Pineapples			55	50
Rubber			1,968	1,901
Wine grapes			73	<i>75</i>
			2015	2014
			Head	Head
Livestock num	nbers at the end of the year		4,500	<i>3,874</i>
Output of agr	icultural produce during the year was:			
			2015	2014
			Metric	Metric
			tonnes	tonnes
Tea			63,366	<i>67,555</i>
Macadamia			1,156	1,085
Pistachios			31	621
Arable crops			22,981	12,838
Avocados			7,084	6,339
Citrus			4,844	5,618
Pineapples			1,752	1,552
Rubber			629	601
Wine grapes			625	718
•				<u>·</u>
			2015	2014
			Cubic	Cubic
			metres	metres
Timber			125,557	122,768

20	Prepaid operating leases		*	
				£'000
	Group	• .		£ 000
	Cost			
	At 1 January 2014			910
	Exchange differences			11
	At 1 January 2015			921
	Exchange differences			(60)
	At 31 December 2015			861
	Amortisation			
	At 1 January 2014			20
	Charge for the year			1
	At 1 January 2015	·		21
	Exchange differences		•	(1)
	Charge for the year			1
	At 31 December 2015			21
	Net book value at 31 December 2015			840
	Net book value at 31 December 2014			900
	11ct book value at 31 December 2014			
21	Investments in subsidiaries			
21	investments in subsidiaries	•		
			2015	2014
	Company		£'000	£'000
	Cost			
	At 1 January and 31 December			•
			73,508	73,508
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

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#### 22 Investments in associates

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Group		
At 1 January	8,664	7,343
Exchange differences	4,231	473
Transfer from available-for-sale financial assets	34,435	· <u>-</u>
Negative goodwill on initial recognition as an associate (note 5)	22,677	_
Share of profit (note 5)	4,182	1,092
Dividends	(1,185)	(244)
Other equity movements	33	
At 31 December	73,037	8,664
Provision for diminution in value		
At 1 January	<del>-</del>	_
Exchange differences	1,478	· -
Provided during year (note 5)	22,677	
At 31 December	24,155	
Net book value at 31 December	48,882	8,664

From 1 July 2015, following a re-evaluation of the group's relationship with BF&M Limited, the directors concluded that the group is in a position to exercise significant influence over BF&M Limited. As a result the investment in this company has been reclassified from available-for-sale financial assets to an investment in associate. The result of this reclassification is that investments in associates increase by £57,112,000 reflecting the group's equity interest in BF&M Limited and available-for-sale financial assets decline by £34,435,000, being the market value of the group's shareholding. The difference of £22,677,000 has been transferred to the income statement, this is offset by an impairment provision of £22,677,000 which has been made against the group's equity carrying value of this investment, due to the significant difference between the equity value of the investment and the market value at 1 July 2015.

Details of the group's associates are shown in note 40.

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# 22 Investments in associates (continued)

The group's share of the results of its principal associates and its share of the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities are as follows:

	Country of					Interest	Market
	incorporation	Assets	Liabilities	Revenues	Profit	held	value
	•	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000
2015							
Listed							
BF&M Limited	Bermuda	411,850	(348,899)	60,231	2,946	36.1	35,932
United Finance Limited	Bangladesh	63,566	(55,359)	6,355	1,083	38.4	10,653
United Insurance							
Company Limited	Bangladesh	2,477	(598)	283	153	37.0	3,197
		477,893	(404,856)	66,869	4,182		49,782
2014							
Listed							
United Finance Limited	Bangladesh	49,411	(42,455)	5,942	949	38.4	10,607
United Insurance	Ü						
Company Limited	Bangladesh	2,269	(561)	270	143	<i>37.0</i>	3,709
		51,680	(43,016)	6,212	1,092		14,316
Available-for-sale financ	ial assets						
				Croup		C	nmany
•			2015	Group <i>201</i>	h	2015	ompany 2014
			£,000	£'00		£,000	£'000
Cost or fair value			2000	200		2000	2000
At 1 January			67,770	61,69	7	170	170
Exchange differences			1,328	3,79	3	_	_
Transfer to investments in as	ssociates		(34,435)		_	_	_
Fair value adjustment			211	2,82	2	_	_
Additions			2,288	30	8	_	_
Disposals			(1,324)	(48	36)	-	_
Fair value adjustment for dis	posal	_	(161)	(36	54)		
At 31 December		_	35,677	67,77	<u>'0</u>	170	170
Provision for diminution in	value						
At 1 January			4,282	1,69	06		
Exchange differences			249	22	6		
Provided during year		_	552	2,36	<u> </u>		
At 31 December		_	5,083	4,28	22		
Net book value at 31 Decem	ber		30,594	63,48	8	170	170

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# 23 Available-for-sale financial assets (continued)

Available-for-sale financial assets include the following:

	Group		Company	
•	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Listed securities:				
Equity securities - UK	939	862		
Equity securities - Bermuda	5,210	<i>39,101</i>		
Equity securities - Japan	i2,162	11,269		
Equity securities - Switzerland	6,645	6,092		
Equity securities - US	2,107	2,719		
Equity securities - India	1,033	1,809		
Equity securities - Europe	366	<i>351</i>		
Equity securities - Other	329	<i>338</i>		
Debentures with fixed interest of 12.5% and repayable				
twice yearly until 31 October 2019 – Kenya	573	766		
Unlisted investments	1,230	181	170	170
	30,594	63,488	170	170
Available-for-sale financial assets are denominated in the foll	owing currencies	:		
	(	Group	Cor	npany
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sterling	2,159	1,032	170	170
US Dollar	2,107	2,719		
Euro	366	<i>351</i>		
Swiss Franc	6,645	6,092		
Indian Rupee	1,034	1,809		
Bermudian Dollar	5,210	39,101		
Japanese Yen	12,162	11,269		
Kenyan Shilling	580	772		
Other	331	343		
	30,594	63,488	170	170

# 24 Held-to-maturity financial assets

			Group
		2015	2014
	•	£'000	£'000
Cost or fair value	gradient de la company de la c		114
At 1 January		-	1,000
Additions		29,510	_
Disposals			(1,000)
At 31 December		29,510	
Net book value comprises:	· 1.		
Debt securities		29,510	
Current element		1,849	-
Non-current element		27,661	
		29,510	

Debt securities are held by the group's banking operation and are readily tradable in the London markets.

# 25 Other investments - heritage assets

	Group		Company	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£,000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Cost				
At 1 January	8,864	<i>8,745</i>	8,869	8, <i>750</i>
Additions	164	<i>126</i> ·	1,355	126
Disposals	(17)	(7)	(11)	(7)
Transfers from property, plant and equipment	9			
At 31 December	9,020	8,864	10,213	8,869

Heritage assets comprise the group's and company's investment in fine art, philately, documents and manuscripts. The market value of these collections is expected to be in excess of book value.

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#### 26 Inventories

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Group		
Made tea	23,557	24,417
Other agricultural produce	1,423	979
Work in progress	1,831	2,773
Trading stocks	1,818	2,659
Raw materials and consumables	9,120	11,013
	37,749	41,841
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Made tea is included in inventory at cost as no reliable fair value is available to reflect the uplift in value upon initial recognition of harvested green leaf.

Included within the inventory value of made tea of £23,557,000 (2014: £24,417,000) are costs associated with the growing and cultivation of green leaf from our own estates of £12,311,000 (2014: £12,095,000). This would increase by £2,580,000 (2014: £2,516,000) if estimated green leaf fair values at harvest were applied. The impact on the income statement would be a decrease in profit for the year to 31 December 2015 of £64,000 (2014: £2,587,000) and a decrease in taxation of £22,000 (2014: £900,000).

The year end inventories balance is stated after a write-down provision of £181,000 (2014: £104,000).

# 27 Trade and other receivables

	Group		
	2015	2014	
	£'000	£'000	
Group			
Current:			
Amounts due from customers of banking subsidiaries	14,263	16,688	
Trade receivables	25,617	28,976	
Amounts owed by associated undertakings	. 11	-	
Other receivables	7,854	8,532	
Prepayments and accrued income	7,809	9,096	
	55,554	63,292	
Non-current:			
Amounts due from customers of banking subsidiaries	21,570	22,066	
Other receivables	1,164	1,237	
	22,734	23,303	

## 27 Trade and other receivables (continued)

The carrying amounts of the group's trade and other receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Current:		
Sterling	27,581	33,501
US Dollar	3,129	<i>5,791</i>
Euro	1,230	1,487
Kenyan Shilling	2,420	1,741
Indian Rupee	17,835	16,188
Malawian Kwacha	814	1,183
Bangladesh Taka	1,244	2,144
South African Rand	152	127
Brazilian Real	610	508
Other	539	622
	55,554	63,292
Non-current:		
Sterling	21,490	21,912
US Dollar	81	154
Kenyan Shilling	325	340
Indian Rupee	421	403
Malawian Kwacha	158	230
Bangladesh Taka	259	264
	22,734	23,303

Included within trade receivables is a provision for doubtful debts of £947,000 (2014: £595,000) and all other trade receivables are with normal trading partners and there is no history of defaults.

Trade receivables include receivables of £6,613,000 (2014: £3,797,000) which are past due at the reporting date against which the group has not provided, as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the amounts are still considered recoverable. Ageing of past due but not provided for receivables is as follows:

	2015	2014
·	£'000	£'000
Up to 30 days	4,411	2,308
30-60 days	1,417	510
60-90 days	251	496
Over 90 days	534	483
	6,613	3,797

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		Group		npany
	2015	2015 <i>2014</i>		2014
	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Cash at bank and in hand	157,157	190,542	2,202	_
Short-term bank deposits	40,149	<i>36,290</i>	-	_
Short-term liquid investments	40,466	30,332		
	237,772	257,164	2,202	
Included in the amounts above are cash and short-term bills and certificates of deposit amounting to £167,413 subsidiaries and which are an integral part of the banking the state of the banking the state of the banking that the state of the sta	,000 (2014: <i>£200,285</i>		~	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000

Cash and cash equivalents (excluding banking operations)	2015 £'000 70,359	2014 £'000 56,879	2015 £'000 2,202	2014 £'000 -
Bank overdrafts (note 30)	(4,753)	(2,757)		
	65,606	54,122	2,202	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Effective interest rate:				
Short-term deposits	4.00 - 20.00%	0.40 - 12.00%	_	-
Short-term liquid investments	0.07 - 0.47%	0.00 - 0.77%	-	-
Average maturity period:				
Short-term deposits	103 days	77 days	_	_
Short-term liquid investments	40 days	16 days	_	-

# 29 Trade and other payables

	(	Group	Cor	npany	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Current	-				
Amounts due to customers of banking subsidiaries	204,200	209,677	-	_	
Trade payables	26,468	23,913	_	-	
Other taxation and social security	2,671	2,304	-	-	
Other payables	20,175	14,640	133	134	
Accruals	5,380	7,758			
	258,894	258,292	133	134	
Non-current:					
Amounts due to customers of banking subsidiaries	4,392	5,130			

30 Financial liabilities - borrowings

The repayment of bank loans and overdrafts fall due as follows:

# £'000 £'000 Group Current: Bank overdrafts 4,753 2,757 Bank loans 613 94 Finance leases 4 5,366 2,855 Current borrowings include the following amounts secured on biological assets and property, plant and equipment: Bank overdrafts 3,833 1,429

Bank loans		613	94.
Finance leases			4
Present value of finance lease liabilities		4,446	1,527
Non-current:	***		
Bank loans		5,131	42
Non-current borrowings include the following amounts			
secured on biological assets and investment property:			
Bank loans		5,131	42
The repayment of bank loans and overdrafts			
fall due as follows:			
Within one year or on demand (included in			
current liabilities)		5,366	2,851
Between 1 - 2 years		609	12
Between 2 - 5 years		4,514	14
After 5 years		. 8	16
		10,497	2,893
Minimum finance lease payments			
fall due as follows:			
Within one year or on demand (included in current liabilities)		_	4
Present value of finance lease liabilities			4

2015

2014

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30	Financial liabilities – borrowings (continued)				
	The present value of finance lease liabilities fall due as follows:				
				2015	2014
	Within one year or on demand (included in			£'000	£'000
	current liabilities)				4
	The rates of interest payable by the group ranged between:				
				2015	2014
				% 2.25 36.00	% `2.25. 26.00
	Overdrafts Bank loans			2.25 <i>-</i> 36.00 3.03	2.25 - 36.00 9.00 - 13.00
	Finance leases			J.03 -	18.00
31	Provisions				
		C	Onerous lease	Others	Total
			£'000	£'000	£'000
	Group		450	210	((0
	At 1 January 2014 Utilised in the period		450 (450)	210	660 (450)
	Provided in the period		267	159	426
	-		267	369	636
	At 1 January 2015 Utilised in the period		(63)	(306)	(369)
	Provided in the period		-	230	230
	Unused amounts reversed in period		(204)	(26)	(230)
	At 31 December 2015			267	267
	Current:				
	At 31 December 2015			267	267
	At 31 December 2014		267	369	636
	Others relate to provisions for claims and dilapidations.				
32	Deferred tax				
	The net movement on the deferred tax account is set out below:				
			Group		Company
		2015 £'000	2014 £'000	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	·	£ 000	£UUU	£ 000	£ 000
	At 1 January	41,434	39,106	240	<i>258</i>
	Exchange differences	(6,228)	424	_	<u>-</u>
	Charged/(credited) to the income statement	5,331	2,674 (770)	(24)	(18)
	Credited to equity	(590)	(770)		
	At 31 December	39,947	41,434	216	240

## 32 Deferred tax (continued)

The movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities is set out below:

Deferred tax liabilities				
	Accelerated	Pension		
	tax	scheme		
	depreciation	liability	Other	Total
	£,000	£'000	£,000	£'000
At 1 January 2014	40,920	238	204	41,362
Exchange differences	421	13	4	438
Charged/(credited) to the income statement	3,784	102	(208)	3,678
Credited to equity		(71)		(71)
At 1 January 2015	45,125	282	-	45,407
Exchange differences	(6,316)	2	(17)	(6,331)
Charged to the income statement	7,165	81	95	7,341
Credited/(charged) to equity	5	(341)		(336)
At 31 December 2015	45,979	24	78	46,081
Deferred tax assets offset				(3,600)
Net deferred tax liability after offset				42,481
Deferred tax assets				
		Pension		
	<b>—</b> .	scheme	0.1	T 1
	Tax losses	asset	Other	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 January 2014	213	833	1,210	2,256
Exchange differences	15	16	(17)	14
Credited/(charged) to the income statement	497	(579)	1,086	1,004
Charged to equity		627	72	699
At 1 January 2015	725	897	2,351	3,973
Exchange differences	4	4	(111)	(103)
(Charged)/credited to the income statement	(254)	(14)	2,278	2,010
Credited/(charged) to equity		278	(24)	254
At 31 December 2015	475	1,165	4,494	6,134
Offset against deferred tax liabilities	<del></del>			(3,600)
Net deferred tax asset after offset				2,534

Included within deferred tax liabilities are £40,768,000 (2014: £39,495,000) of accelerated tax depreciation relating to biological assets.

Deferred tax liabilities of £20,718,000 (2014: £21,415,000) have not been recognised for the withholding tax and other taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of certain subsidiaries. Such amounts are permanently reinvested.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for tax losses carried forward only to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable. The group has not recognised deferred tax assets of £7,045,000 (2014: £8,054,000) in respect of losses that can be carried forward against future taxable income.

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### 33 Employee benefit obligations

### (i) Pensions

Certain group subsidiaries operate defined contribution and funded defined benefit pension schemes. The most significant is the UK funded, final salary defined benefit scheme. The assets of this scheme are administered by trustees and are kept separate from those of the group. A full actuarial valuation was undertaken as at 1 July 2014 and updated to 31 December 2015 by a qualified independent actuary. The UK final salary defined benefit pension scheme is closed to new entrants and new employees are eligible to join a group personal pension plan. Active members earn accruals at a rate of 1/80th per year of service.

The overseas schemes are operated in group subsidiaries located in Bangladesh, India and the Netherlands. Actuarial valuations have been updated to 31 December 2015 by qualified actuaries for these schemes.

### Assumptions

The major assumptions used in the valuation to determine the present value of the schemes' defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2015	2014
	% per annum	% per annum
UK schemes		
Rate of increase in salaries	2.00	2.00
Rate of increase to LPI (Limited Price Indexation) pensions in payment	2.00 - 5.00	<i>2.00 – 5.00</i>
Discount rate applied to scheme liabilities	3.50	<i>3.50</i>
Inflation assumption (CPI/RPI)	2.00/3.00	2.00/3.00

Assumptions regarding future mortality experience are based on advice received from independent actuaries. The current mortality tables used are S2PA, on a year of birth basis, with CMI\_2013 future improvement factors and subject to a long term annual rate of future improvement of 1.25% per annum. This results in males and females aged 65 having life expectancies of 22 years (2014: 22 years) and 24 years respectively (2014: 24 years).

### Overseas schemes

Rate of increase in salaries	1.50 - 7.00	2.00 - 7.00
Rate of increase to LPI (Limited Price Indexation) pensions in payment	0.00 - 5.00	0.00 - 5.00
Discount rate applied to scheme liabilities	2.30 - 9.0	2.10 – 11.50
Inflation assumption	0.00 - 7.00	0.00 - 7.00

### (ii) Post-employment benefits

Certain group subsidiaries located in Kenya, India and Bangladesh have an obligation to pay terminal gratuities, based on years of service. These obligations are estimated annually using the projected unit method by qualified independent actuaries. Schemes operated in India are funded but the schemes operated in Kenya and Bangladesh are unfunded. Operations in India and Bangladesh also have an obligation to pay medical benefits upon retirement. These schemes are unfunded.

### Assumptions

The major assumptions used in the valuation to determine the present value of the post-employment benefit obligations were as follows:

	2015	2014
	% per annum	% per annum
Rate of increase in salaries	6.00 – 10.00	6.00 – 10.00
Discount rate applied to scheme liabilities	8.00 - 14.00	8.00 - 13.50
Inflation assumptions	0.00 - 10.00	0.00 - 10.00

## 33 Employee benefit obligations (continued)

### Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity of the UK defined benefit obligation to changes in the weighted principal assumptions is:

		Impact on defined
	Change	benefit
	in assumption	obligation
Pre-retirement discount rate	0.5% lower	1.8% increase
Post-retirement discount rate	0.5% lower	5.7% increase
Salary increase rate	0.25% lower	0.2% decrease
Inflation rate	0.25% lower	1.5% decrease
Long-term rate of improvement of mortality	0.25% higher	1.4% increase

The above sensitivity analysis assumes that each assumption is changed independently of the others. Therefore, the disclosures are only a guide because the effect of changing more than one assumption is not cumulative. The sensitivity analysis was calculated by re-running the figures as at the last formal actuarial valuation at 1 July 2014. Therefore the analysis is only approximate for the purpose of these IAS19 disclosures as they are on a different set of assumptions and do not reflect subsequent scheme experience.

## Duration of the scheme liabilities

The weighted average duration of the UK defined benefit obligation is 15 years.

## Analysis of scheme liabilities

As at 1 July 2014 the allocation of the present value of the UK scheme liabilities was as follows:

	%
Active members	11
Deferred pensioners	28
Current pensioners	61
Total membership	100

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## 33 Employee benefit obligations (continued)

## (iii) Actuarial valuations

		2015			2014	
	UK	Overseas	Total	UK	Overseas	Total
	£'000	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Equities and property	89,640	493	90,133	93,247	494	93,741
Bonds	53,069	12,848	65,917	52,088	11,826	63,914
Cash	6,939	5,356	12,295	4,359	4,197	8,556
Other		3,682	3,682	<del>-</del>	3,421	3,421
Total fair value of plan assets Present value of defined benefit	149,648	22,379	172,027	149,694	19,938	169,632
obligations	(174,129)	(36,532)	(210,661)	(184,326)	(26,913)	(211,239)
Total deficit in the schemes	(24,481)	(14,153)	(38,634)	(34,632)	(6,975)	(41,607)
Amount recognised as asset						
in the balance sheet	_	176	176	_	805	805
Amount recognised as current liability						
in the balance sheet	_	(1,017)	(1,017)	_	(527)	(527)
Amount recognised as non-current						
liability in the balance sheet	(24,481)	(13,312)	(37,793)	(34,632)	(7,253)	(41,885)
·	(24,481)	(14,153)	(38,634)	(34,632)	(6,975)	(41,607)
Related deferred tax asset (note 32)	_	1,165	1,165	· -	897	897
Related deferred tax liability (note 32)	_	(24)	(24)	_	(282)	(282)
Net deficit	(24,481)	(13,012)	(37,493)	(34,632)	(6,360)	(40,992)
Movements in the fair value of scheme ass	ets were as fol	lows:				
		2015			2014	
	UK	Overseas	Total	UK	Overseas	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 January	149,694	19,938	169,632	145,286	18,748	164,034
Expected return on plan assets	5,125	1,997	7,122	6,406	1,514	7,920
Employer contributions	1,490	2,417	3,907	1,531	635	2,166
Contributions paid by plan participants	-	24	24	_	22	22
Benefit payments	(8,041)	(1,826)	(9,867)	(7,410)	(1,336)	(8,746)
Actuarial gains/(losses)	1,380	(301)	1,079	3,881	(106)	<i>3,775</i>
Exchange differences		130	130		461	461
At 31 December	149,648	22,379	172,027	149,694	19,938	169,632

## 33 Employee benefit obligations (continued)

Movements in the present value of defined benefit obligations were as follows:

		2015			2014	
	UK	Overseas	Total	UK	Overseas	Total
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 January	(184,326)	(26,913)	(211,239)	(162,294)	(23,081)	(185,375)
Current service cost	(800)	(1,507)	(2,307)	(769)	(909)	(1,678)
Past service cost	_	(6,056)	(6,056)	_	711	711
Contributions paid by plan participants	-	(24)	(24)	_	(22)	(22)
Interest cost	(6,311)	(2,480)	(8,791)	(7,137)	(1,827)	(8,964)
Benefit payments	8,041	1,826	9,867	7,410	1,336	8,746
Actuarial gains/(losses)	9,267	(1,231)	8,036	(21,536)	(2,580)	(24,116)
Exchange differences		(147)	(147)		(541)	(541)
At 31 December	(174,129)	(36,532)	(210,661)	(184,326)	(26,913)	(211,239)

In 2013, the total fair value of plan assets was £164,034,000, present value of defined benefit obligations was £185,375,000 and the deficit was £21,341,000. In 2012, the total fair value of plan assets was £151,560,000, present value of defined benefit obligations was £184,157,000 and the deficit was £32,597,000 and in 2011, the total fair value of plan assets was £140,343,000, present value of defined benefit obligations was £167,235,000 and the deficit was £26,892,000.

### Income statement

The amounts recognised in the income statement are as follows:

	2015			2014	
UK	Overseas	Total	UK	Overseas	Total
£'000	£,000	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000
(800)	(1,507)	(2,307)	(769)	(909)	(1,678)
	(6,056)	(6,056)		711	711
(800)	(7,563)	(8,363)	(769)	(198)	(967)
(1,186)	(483)	(1,669)	(731)	(313)	(1,044)
(1,986)	(8,046)	(10,032)	(1,500)	(511)	(2,011)
	£'000 (800) ———————————————————————————————————	UK Overseas £'000 £'000 (800) (1,507) - (6,056) (800) (7,563) (1,186) (483)	UK Overseas Total £'000 £'000  (800) (1,507) (2,307)  - (6,056) (6,056)  (800) (7,563) (8,363)  (1,186) (483) (1,669)	UK         Overseas         Total         UK           £'000         £'000         £'000         £'000           (800)         (1,507)         (2,307)         (769)           -         (6,056)         (6,056)         -           (800)         (7,563)         (8,363)         (769)           (1,186)         (483)         (1,669)         (731)	UK         Overseas         Total         UK         Overseas           £'000         £'000         £'000         £'000           (800)         (1,507)         (2,307)         (769)         (909)           -         (6,056)         (6,056)         -         711           (800)         (7,563)         (8,363)         (769)         (198)           (1,186)         (483)         (1,669)         (731)         (313)

The past service cost of £6,056,000 relates to recently enacted legislation in Bangladesh which requires companies to make a payment to employees on retirement or other events terminating employment, based upon compensation and length of service. Current service costs for the overseas operations included £376,000 arising from these changes.

Employer contributions to defined contribution schemes are charged to profit when payable and the costs charged were £3,984,000 (2014: £3,213,000).

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## 33 Employee benefit obligations (continued)

## Actuarial gains and losses recognised in the statement of comprehensive income

The amounts included in the statement of comprehensive income:

		2015			2014	
	UK	Overseas	Total	UK	Overseas	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Actual return less expected return on						
pension scheme assets	1,380	(301)	1,079	3,881	(106)	<i>3,775</i>
Experience gains/(losses) arising on				·		
scheme liabilities	2,307	(840)	1,467	(2,501)	(312)	(2,813)
Changes in assumptions underlying						
present value of scheme liabilities	6,960	(391)	6,569	(19,035)	(2,268)	(21,303)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	10,647	(1,532)	9,115	(17,655)	(2,686)	(20,341)

Cumulative actuarial losses recognised in the statement of comprehensive income are £35,000,000 (2014: £44,115,000).

The employer contributions to be paid to the UK defined benefit pension scheme for the year commencing 1 January 2016 is 20.0% of pensionable salary for active members plus £918,000 additional contribution to reduce the scheme's funding deficit.

## 34 Share capital

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Authorised: 2,842,000 (2014: 2,842,000) ordinary shares of 10p each	284	284
Allotted, called up and fully paid: ordinary shares of 10p each:		
At 1 January - 2,824,500 (2014: 2,829,700) shares	282	283
Purchase of own shares - nil (2014: 5,200) shares		(1)
At 31 December - 2,824,500 (2014: 2,824,500) shares	282	282

Group companies hold 62,500 issued shares in the company. These are classified as treasury shares.

## 35 Reconciliation of profit from operations to cash flow

		2015	2014
		£'000	£'000
Group			
Profit from operations	. 3	7,627	18,003
Share of associates' results	(	4,182)	(1,092)
Depreciation and amortisation	1	0,040	10,165
Impairment of assets		552	3,494
Gain arising from changes in fair value of biological assets	(2	0,639)	(8,820)
Profit on disposal of non-current assets	(	3,825)	(125)
Profit on disposal of investments		(353)	(447)
Profit on part disposal of subsidiary	•	(30)	(56)
Increase/(decrease) in working capital	1	2,812	(6,326)
Pensions and similar provisions less payments		4,025	(1,235)
Biological assets capitalised cultivation costs	-	6,111)	(5,636)
Biological assets decreases due to harvesting		9,400	8,604
Net decrease in funds of banking subsidiaries	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	68	551
Cash generated from operations	3	9,384	17,080
36 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net cash			
		2015	2014
		£'000	£'000
Group			
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	1	2,450	(19,915)
Net cash (inflow)/outflow from (increase)/decrease in debt	· . (	5,599)	60
Increase/(decrease) in net cash resulting from cash flows			(19,855)
Exchange rate movements	·	(971)	1,128
Increase/(decrease) in net cash in the year		5,880	(18,727)
Net cash at beginning of year	. 5	3,982	72,709
Net cash at end of year	5	9,862	53,982
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## Notes to the accounts

### 37 Commitments

### Capital commitments

Capital expenditure contracted for at the balance sheet date but not yet incurred is as follows:

	2015	2014
•	£'000	£'000
Group .		
Property, plant and equipment	1,316	824
Biological assets	51	
	1,367	824

## Operating leasing commitments - minimum lease payments

The group leases land and buildings, plant and machinery under non-cancellable operating lease arrangements, which have various terms and renewal rights.

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Group		
Land and buildings:	•	
Within 1 year	1,367	<i>826</i>
Between 1 – 5 years	. 2,569	2,206
After 5 years	15,017	12,875
	18,953	15,907
Plant and machinery:		
Within 1 year	187	99
Between 1 – 5 years	224	128
	411	227

The group's most significant operating lease commitments are long term property leases with renewal terms in excess of 60 years.

### 38 Contingencies

The group operates in certain countries where its operations are potentially subject to a number of legal claims including taxation. When required, appropriate provisions are made for the expected cost of such claims.

## 39 Financial instruments

### Capital risk management

The group manages its capital to ensure that the group will be able to continue as a going concern, while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of its debt and equity balance. The capital structure of the group consists of debt, which includes the borrowings disclosed in note 30, cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to equity holders of the parent, comprising issued capital, reserves and retained earnings.

The board reviews the capital structure, with an objective to ensure that gross borrowings as a percentage of tangible net assets does not exceed 50 per cent..

The ratio at the year end is as follows:

				2015	2014
				£'000	£'000
Borrowings	÷	* :		10,497	2,897
Tangible net assets				322,515	314,632
Ratio				3.25%	0.92%

Borrowings are defined as current and non-current borrowings, as detailed in note 30.

Tangible net assets includes all capital and reserves of the group attributable to equity holders of the parent less intangible assets.

### Financial instruments by category

At 31 December 2015

	Loans and	Available for	Held to	
	receivables	sale	maturity	Total
	£'000	£,000	£,000	£'000
Group				
Assets as per balance sheet				
Available-for-sale financial assets	_	30,594	_	30,594
Held-to-maturity financial assets	_	-	29,510	29,510
Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments	34,646	-	· <u> </u>	34,646
Loans and advances to customers of banking subsidiaries	35,833	· <u>-</u>	<del>.</del> .	35,833
Cash and cash equivalents (excluding bank subsidiaries)	70,359	_	-	70,359
Loans and advances to banks by banking subsidiaries	167,413			167,413
	308,251	30,594	29,510	368,355
Company				
Available-for-sale financial assets	_	170	÷_	170
Cash and cash equivalents	2,202			2,202
	2,202	170	<u> </u>	2,372

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39	Financial instruments (continued)		• .		
				Other financial	* *
				liabilities at	
				amortised cost	Total
				£'000	£'000
				. 2.000	2000
	Group				
	Liabilities as per balance sheet				
	Borrowings			10,497	10,497
	Amounts due to customers of banking subsidiaries			208,592	208,592
	Trade and other payables			52,023	52,023
				271,112	271,112
	Company				
	Trade and other payables			133	133
				<del></del>	
	At 31 December 2014				
		Loans and	Available for		
		receivables	sale	,	Total
		£,000	£'000	£'000	£,000
	Group			•	
	Assets as per balance sheet			•	
	Available-for-sale financial assets	. –	63,488	_	63,488
	Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments	<i>38,745</i>	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	38,745
	Loans and advances to customers of banking subsidiaries	38,754	_	<u> </u>	38,754
	Cash and cash equivalents (excluding bank subsidiaries)	56,879	_	<u> </u>	56,879
	Loans and advances to banks by banking subsidiaries	200,285	<u>-</u>	_	200,285
	Loans and advances to banks by banking subsidiaries	<del></del>	<del></del>	· <del></del>	
		334,663	63,488	<u>-</u>	398,151
			•		
	Company				
	Available-for-sale financial assets	_	170	· -	170
				Other financial	
				liabilities at	
				amortised cost	Total
				£'000	£'000
				£ 000	£ 000
	Group				
	Liabilities as per balance sheet				
	Borrowings (excluding finance lease liabilities)			2,893	2,893
	Finance lease liabilities			4	4
	Amounts due to customers of banking subsidiaries			<i>214,807</i>	214,807
	Trade and other payables			46,311	46,311
	Other non-current liabilities			98	98
				264,113	264,113
				204,113	204,113
	Company			*	
	Trade and other payables			134	134

### 39 Financial instruments (continued)

#### Fair value estimation

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value, by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

The following table presents the group's financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value. See note 19 for disclosures of biological assets that are measured at fair value.

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	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Available-for sale financial assets:				
- Equity securities	28,791	_	1,230	30,021
Debt investments:				
- Debentures	573	_	_	573
Held-to-maturity financial assets	29,510			29,510
	58,874		1,230	60,104
At 31 December 2014				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Available-for sale financial assets:				
- Equity securities	62,541	_	181	62,722
Debt investments:				
- Debentures	766			766
	63,307		181	63,488

## Financial risk management objectives

The group finances its operations by a mixture of retained profits, bank borrowings, long-term loans and leases. The objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of borrowings with a range of maturities. To achieve this, the maturity profile of borrowings and facilities are regularly reviewed. The group also seeks to maintain sufficient undrawn committed borrowing facilities to provide flexibility in the management of the group's liquidity.

Given the nature and diversity of the group's operations, the board does not believe a highly complex use of financial instruments would be of significant benefit to the group. However, where appropriate, the board does authorise the use of certain financial instruments to mitigate financial risks that face the group, where it is effective to do so.

Various financial instruments arise directly from the group's operations, for example cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables and trade payables. In addition, the group uses financial instruments for two main reasons, namely:

- To finance its operations (to mitigate liquidity risk);
- To manage currency risks arising from its operations and arising from its sources of finance (to mitigate foreign exchange risk).

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### 39 Financial instruments (continued)

The group, including Duncan Lawrie, the group's banking subsidiary, did not, in accordance with group policy, trade in financial instruments throughout the period under review.

### (A) Market risk

### (i) Foreign exchange risk

The group has no material exposure to foreign currency exchange risk on currencies other than the functional currencies of the operating entities, with the exception of significant Japanese available-for-sale financial assets. A movement by 5 per cent. in the exchange rate of the Japanese Yen with Sterling, would increase/decrease the group's equity balance by £608,000 (2014: £563,000).

Currency risks are primarily managed through the use of natural hedging and regularly reviewing when cash should be exchanged into either sterling or another functional currency.

#### (ii) Price risk

The group is exposed to equity securities price risk because of investments held by the group and classified on the consolidated balance sheet as available-for-sale. To manage its price risk arising from investments in equity securities, the group diversifies its portfolio.

The majority of the group's equity investments are publicly traded and are quoted on stock exchanges located in Bermuda, Japan, Switzerland, UK and US. Should these equity indexes increase or decrease by 5 per cent. with all other variables held constant and all the group's equity instruments move accordingly, the group's equity balance would increase/decrease by £1,440,000 (2014: £3,127,000).

The group's exposure to commodity price risk is not significant.

## (iii) Cash flow and interest rate risk

The group's interest rate risk arises from interest-bearing assets and short and long-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the group to cash flow interest rate risk. The group has no fixed rate exposure.

At 31 December 2015, if interest rates on non-sterling denominated interest-bearing assets and borrowings had been 50 basis points higher/lower with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been £266,000 (2014: £215,000) higher/lower.

At 31 December 2015, if interest rates on sterling denominated interest-bearing assets and borrowings had been 50 basis points higher/lower with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been £7,000 (2014: £176,000) higher/lower.

### 39 Financial instruments (continued)

The interest rate exposure of the group's interest bearing assets and liabilities by currency, at 31 December was:

	Assets		Lia	abilities
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sterling	136,675	178,831	135,356	143,660
US Dollar	76,232	52,105	59,126	42,165
Euro	13,136	19,403	12,714	18,666
Swiss Franc	4,482	9,827	4,151	5,231
Kenyan Shilling	15,712	11,915	_	2
Indian Rupee	11,424	7,873	512	<i>807</i>
Malawian Kwacha	36	38	919	785
Bangladesh Taka	8,198	4,066	3,175	248
Australian Dollar	361	527	353	522
South African Rand	1,545	1,359	106	151
Brazilian Real	2,226	3,346	_	_
Bermudian Dollar	898	1,153	_	_
Canadian Dollar	2,104	603	2,104	<i>598</i>
Japanese Yen	70	407	69	404
Other	506	4,465	504	4,465
	273,605	295,918	219,089	217,704

## (B) Credit risk

The group has policies in place to limit its exposure to credit risk. Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions. If customers are independently rated, these ratings are used. Otherwise if there is no independent rating, management assesses the credit quality of the customer taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors and if appropriate holding liens over stock and receiving payments in advance of services or goods as required. Management monitors the utilisation of credit limits regularly.

The group's approach to customer lending through the group's banking subsidiaries is risk averse with only 1.5 per cent. of the customer loan book being unsecured. Collateralised loans are normally secured against cash or property, with property loans being restricted to 70 per cent. of recent valuation although corporate or personal guarantees are also acceptable in some instances.

The group has a large number of trade receivables, the largest five receivables at the year end comprise 30 per cent. (2014: 21 per cent.) of total trade receivables.

### (C) Liquidity risk

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the board of directors. The group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and managing the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The two subsidiary companies which are engaged in banking activities, Duncan Lawrie Limited and Duncan Lawrie (IOM) Limited seek to match maturing customer deposits with market placements and to use liquid assets such as certificates of deposit. This results in reduced liquidity risk for Duncan Lawrie and the group.

At 31 December 2015, the group had undrawn committed facilities of £22,247,000 (2014: £24,995,000), all of which are due to be reviewed within one year.

## Notes to the accounts

## 39 Financial instruments (continued)

The table below analyses the group's financial assets and liabilities which will be settled on a net basis into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 year £'000	Between 1 and 2 years £'000	Between 2 and 5 years £'000	Over 5 years £'000	Undated £'000	Total £'000
At 31 December 2015						
Assets	1/0	1./2	207		20.021	20.504
Available-for-sale financial assets	143 1,849	143 9,352	287 12,667	5,642	30,021	30,594 29,510
Held-to-maturity financial assets Trade and other receivables	33,482	1,164	12,007	5,042	_	34,646
Loans and advances to customers	JJ,402	1,104	_	_	_	54,010
of banking subsidiaries	14,167	6,698	14,656	216	96	35,833
Cash and cash equivalents	,,	-,-,-	,			,
(excluding bank subsidiaries)	70,359	_	_	_	_	70,359
Loans and advances to banks by						
banking subsidiaries	167,211				202	167,413
	287,211	17,357	27,610	5,858	30,319	368,355
Liabilities						
Borrowings (excluding finance						
lease liabilities)	5,366	609	4,514	8	-	10,497
Deposits by banks at banking subsidiaries	1,482	-	700	_	-	2,182
Customer accounts held at	/					226 (12
banking subsidiaries	202,677	1,493	2,118	81	41	206,410
Trade and other payables	52,023					52,023
	261,548	2,102	7,332	89	41	271,112
At 31 December 2014						
Assets						
Available-for-sale financial assets	153	<i>153</i>	460	_	62,722	<i>63,4</i> 88
Trade and other receivables	<i>37,508</i>	1,237	-	-	_	<i>38,745</i>
Loans and advances to customers						
of banking subsidiaries	14,345	5,998	<i>15,163</i>	905	2,343	<i>38,754</i>
Cash and cash equivalents	56.070					56,879
(excluding bank subsidiaries)  Loans and advances to banks by	56,879	_	_	_	_	20,0/9
banking subsidiaries	200,131	_	_	_	154	200,285
S	309,016	7,388	15,623	905	65,219	<u>398,151</u>
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Liabilities						
Borrowings (excluding finance lease liabilities)	2,851	12	14	16		2,893
Finance lease liabilities	2,6 <i>)1</i> 4	12	-	-	_	2,075
Deposits by banks at banking subsidiaries	-	1,160	_	_	_	2,183
Customer accounts held at	-,0	-,				-,
banking subsidiaries	208,620	970	2,916	84	34	212,624
Trade and other payables	46,311	_	_	-	_	46,311
Other non-current liabilities	-	_	_	<i>9</i> 8	_	<i>9</i> 8
	258,809	2,142	2,930	198	34	264,113

### 39 Financial instruments (continued)

Included in loans and advances to banks by banking subsidiaries repayable in less than 1 year is £120,627,000 (2014: £170,486,000) repayable on demand, £43,084,000 (2014: £29,645,000) repayable within 3 months and £3,500,000 (2014: £nil) repayable between 3 and 12 months.

Included in loans and advances to customers of banking subsidiaries repayable in less than 1 year is £5,031,000 (2014: £3,723,000) repayable on demand, £4,445,000 (2014: £2,202,000) repayable within 3 months and £4,691,000 (2014: £8,420,000) repayable between 3 and 12 months.

Included in held-to-maturity financial assets repayable in less than 1 year is £1,849,000 (2014: £nil) repayable between 3 and 12 months.

Included in deposits by banks at banking subsidiaries repayable in less than 1 year is £363,000 (2014: £815,000) repayable on demand and £1,119,000 (2014: £208,000) repayable between 3 and 12 months.

Included in customer accounts held at banking subsidiaries repayable in less than 1 year is £176,736,000 (2014: £179,179,000) repayable on demand, £22,457,000 (2014: £25,871,000) repayable within 3 months and £3,484,000 (2014: £3,570,000) repayable between 3 and 12 months.

Included in borrowings in less than 1 year is £4,753,000 (2014: £2,757,000) repayable on demand.

### 40 Subsidiary and associated undertakings

### Subsidiary undertakings

The subsidiary undertakings of the group at 31 December 2015, which are wholly owned and incorporated in Great Britain unless otherwise stated, were:

Principal

	operation
Agriculture	
Amgoorie India Limited (Incorporated in India – 99.8% holding)	India
Amo Tea Company Limited	Bangladesh
C.C. Lawrie Comércio e Participações Ltda. (Incorporated in Brazil)	Brazil
Chittagong Warehouse Limited (Incorporated in Bangladesh – 93.3% holding)	Bangladesh
Duncan Brothers Limited (Incorporated in Bangladesh)	Bangladesh
Eastern Produce Cape (Pty) Limited (Incorporated in South Africa)	South Africa
Eastern Produce Kenya Limited (Incorporated in Kenya – 70.0% holding)	Kenya
Eastern Produce Malawi Limited (Incorporated in Malawi- 73.2% holding)	Malawi
Eastern Produce South Africa (Pty) Limited (Incorporated in South Africa – 73.2% holding)	South Africa
Eastland Camellia Limited (Incorporated in Bangladesh - 93.8% holding)	Bangladesh
Goodricke Group Limited (Incorporated in India – 76.5% holding)	India
Eastern Produce Estates South Africa (Pty) Limited (Incorporated in South Africa - held by	
Easten Produce South Africa (Pty) Limited)	South Africa
Horizon Farms (An United States of America general partnership - 80% holding)	USA
Kakuzi Limited (Incorporated in Kenya – 50.7% holding)	Kenya
Koomber Tea Company Limited (Incorporated in India)	India

Tionzon ranns (An Onneu States of America general partnersing – 80% holding)	OSA
Kakuzi Limited (Incorporated in Kenya – 50.7% holding)	Kenya
Koomber Tea Company Limited (Incorporated in India)	India
Octavius Steel & Company of Bangladesh Limited (Incorporated in Bangladesh)	Bangladesh
Robertson Bois Dickson Anderson Limited	UK
Stewart Holl (India) Limited (Incorporated in India – 92.0% holding)	India
Surmah Valley Tea Company Limited (Incorporated in Bangladesh)	Bangladesh
The Allynugger Tea Company Limited	Bangladesh
The Chandpore Tea Company Limited	Bangladesh
The Lungla (Sylhet) Tea Company Limited	Bangladesh
The Mazdehee Tea Company Limited	Bangladesh
Victoria Investments Limited (Incorporated in Malawi- 73.2% holding)	Malawi
Zetmac (Pty) Limited (Incorporated in South Africa - 55.8% held by Easten Produce	

Estates South Africa (Pty) Limited)

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Subsidiary undertakings (	(continued)
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Subsidiary undertakings (continued)	
	Principal
	country of
	operation
Engineering	
Abbey Metal Finishing Company Limited	UK
AJT Engineering Limited	UK
AKD Engineering Limited	UK
Atfin GmbH (Incorporated in Germany – 51.0% holding)	Germany
British Metal Treatments Limited	UK
GU Cutting and Grinding Services Limited	UK
Unochrome Investments Limited (formerly Loddon Engineering Limited)	UK
Onotherine investments Emined (formerly 2004on Engineering Emined)	
Food Service	
Affish BV (Incorporated in Holland)	The Netherlands
Associated Cold Stores & Transport Limited	UK
Duncan Products Limited (Incorporated in Bangladesh)	Bangladesh
Wylax International BV (Incorporated in Holland)	The Netherlands
Banking and Financial Services	
DDY Nominees Limited	UK
Duncan Lawrie Limited	UK
Duncan Lawrie Asset Management Limited	UK
Duncan Lawrie Holdings Limited	UK
Duncan Lawrie International Holdings Limited (Incorporated in Isle of Man)	Isle of Man
Duncan Lawrie (IOM) Limited (Incorporated in Isle of Man)	Isle of Man
Duncan Lawrie Offshore Services Limited (Incorporated in Isle of Man)	Isle of Man
Dunlaw Nominees Limited	UK
Dunman Nominees Limited (Incorporated in Isle of Man)	Isle of Man
Havelock Nominees Limited (Incorporated in Isle of Man)	Isle of Man
Hobart Place Nominees Limited	UK
Mount Havelock Directors Limited (Incorporated in Isle of Man)	Isle of Man
Mount Havelock Investments Limited (Incorporated in Isle of Man)	Isle of Man
Mount Havelock Secretaries Limited (Incorporated in Isle of Man)	Isle of Man
Investment Helding	
Investment Holding Affish Limited	UK
Assam Dooars Investments Limited	UK
Associated Fisheries Limited	UK
Bordure Limited	UK
Duncan Properties Limited (Incorporated in Bangladesh)	Bangladesh
Eastern Produce Investments Limited	UK
EP USA Inc. (Incorporated in the United States of America)	USA
EP California Inc. (Incorporated in the United States of America)	USA
John Ingham & Sons Limited	UK
Lawrie (Bermuda) Limited (Incorporated in Bermuda)	Bermuda
Lawrie Group Plc (Owned directly by the company)	UK
Lawrie International Limited (Incorporated in Bermuda)	Bermuda
Linton Park Plc (Owned directly by the company)	UK
Lintak Investments Limited (Incorporated in Kenya)	Kenya
Longbourne Holdings Limited	Bangladesh
Plantation House Investments Limited	Malawi
(Incorporated in Malawi – 50.2% held by subsidiaries)	
Shula Limited (Incorporated in Isle of Man)	Isle of Man
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## 40 Subsidiary and associated undertakings (continued)

## Subsidiary undertakings (continued)

Subsidiary undertakings (continued)	
	Principal
	country of
	operation
Investment Holding (continued)	
Unochrome Industries Limited	UK
Western Dooars Investments Limited	UK
	0
Other	
Linton Park Services Limited	UK
XiMo AG (Incorporated in Switzerland – 51.0% holding)	Switzerland
Dormant companies	
ACS&T Gloucester Limited	UK
ACS&T Grimsby Limited	UK
ACS&T Humberside Limited	UK
ACS&T Seamer Limited	UK
ACS&T Tewkesbury Limited	UK
ACS&T Wolverhampton Limited	UK
Alex Lawrie & Company Limited	UK
Amgoorie Investments Limited	UK
Assam-Dooars Holdings Limited	UK
Associated Fisheries (Scotland) Limited	UK
Banbury Tea Warehouses Limited	UK
Blantyre & East Africa Limited	IJK
Blantyre Insurance & General Agencies Limited (Incorporated in Malawi)	Malawi
Bonathaba Farms (Pty) Limited (Incorporated in South Africa)	South Africa
British African Tea Estates (Holdings) Limited	UK
British African Tea Estates Limited	UK
British Heat Treatments Limited	UK
British Indian Tea Company Limited	UK
British United Trawlers Limited	UK
BTS Chemicals Limited	UK
BUT Engineers (Fleetwood) Limited	UK
BUT Engineers (Grimsby) Limited	UK
Camellia Investments Limited	UK
Chisambo Holdings Limited	UK
Chisambo Tea Estate Limited	UK
Cholo Holdings Limited	UK
Craighead Investments Limited	UK
David Field Limited	UK
East African Tea Plantations Limited (Incorporated in Kenya – held by Eastern Produce Kenya Limited)	Kenya
Eastern Produce Africa Limited	UK
Eastern Produce Kakuzi Services Limited (Incorporated in Kenya – held by Kakuzi Limited)	Kenya
EP (RBDA) Limited (Incorporated in Malawi – Eastern Produce Malawi Limited)	Malawi
Estate Services Limited (Incorporated in Kenya – held by Kakuzi Limited) Feltham 1 Limited	Kenya
Feltham 2 Limited	UK UK
Fescol Limited	UK
G. F. Sleight & Sons Limited	UK
Goodricke Lawrie Consultants Limited	UK
Gotha Tea Estates Limited	UK
Granton Transport Limited	UK
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Subsidiary	undertakings	(continued)
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Substituty under takings (commuta)	Principal
	country of
	operation
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Dormant companies (continued)	I TIZ
Hamstead Village Investments Limited	UK UK
Hellyer Brothers Limited	UK
Horace Hickling & Co. Limited	_
Hudson Brothers Trawlers Limited	UK
Humber Commercials Limited	UK
Humber St. Andrew's Engineering Company Limited	UK
Isa Bheel Tea Company Limited	UK
Jatel Plc	UK
Jetinga Holdings Limited	UK
Jetinga Valley Tea Company Limited	UK
Kaguru EPZ Limited (Incorporated in Kenya – held by Kakuzi Limited)	Kenya
Kapsumbeiwa Factory Company Limited	UK
Kip Koimet Limited (Incorporated in Kenya – held by Eastern Produce Kenya Limited)	Kenya
Kumadzi Tea Estates Limited	UK
Lankapara Tea Company Limited	UK
Lawrie Bhutan Limited	UK
Lawrie Plantation Services Limited	UK
Leasing Investments Limited	UK
Nasonia Tea Company Limited (Incorporated in Malawi)	Malawi
North West Profiles Limited	UK
Octavius Steel & Company (London) Limited	UK
Robert Hudson Holdings Limited	UK
Rosehaugh (Africa) Limited	UK
Ruo Estates Limited	UK
Ruo Estates Holdings Limited	UK
Sandbach Export Limited	UK
Sapekoe Pusela (Pty) Limited (Incorporated in South Africa – held by Easten Produce	
South Africa (Pty) Limited)	South Africa
Silverthorne-Gillott Limited	UK
SIS Securities Limited	UK
Sterling Industrial Securities Limited	UK
Stewart Holl Investments Limited	UK
The Amgoorie Tea Estates Limited	UK
The Bagracote Tea Company, Limited	UK
The Ceylon Upcountry Tea Estates Limited	UK
The Dejoo Tea Company Limited	UK
The Dhoolie Tea Company Limited	UK
The Doolahat Tea Company Limited	UK
The Eastern Produce & Estates Company Limited	UK
The Endogram Tea Company Limited	UK
The Harmutty Tea Company Limited	UK
The Jhanzie Tea Association Limited	UK
The Kapsumbeiwa Tea Company Limited	UK
The Longai Valley Tea Company Limited	UK
The Tyspane Tea Company Limited	UK
Thyolo Highlands Tea Estates Limited	UK
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Dormant companies (continued)		•		
Vaghamon (Travancore) Tea Company Limited	•			UK
Walter Duncan & Goodricke Limited	•			ŲK
WDG Properties Limited				UK
Western Dooars Tea Holdings Limited	•			UK
Summarised financial information on subsidiari	es with material non-con	trolling interest	s ·	
Summarised balance sheet		-		
		n Produce		Produce
	•	a Limited		i Limited
	=	December		December
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current				
Assets	24,074	<i>17,573</i>	7,075	9,333
Liabilities	(18,516)	(9,802)	(8,963)	(12,811)
Total current net assets/(liabilities)	5,558	7,771	(1,888)	(3,478)
Non-current				
Assets	24,075	25,108	53,069	52,158
Liabilities			·	
	(6,152)	(6,861)	(15,932)	(14,756)
Total non-current net assets	17,923	18,247	37,137	37,402
Net assets	23,481	26,018	35,249	33,924
	Easter	n Produce	Goodrie	ke Group
	South Af	rica Limited	Lis	mited
	as at 31	December	as at 31	December
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current			•	
Assets	4,562	3,682	30,181	28,589
Liabilities	(1,135)	(643)	(16,866)	(14,463)
Total current net assets	3,427	3,039	13,315	14,126
Non-current				
Assets	4,829	5,371	24,258	23,627
Liabilities	(1,251)	(1,345)	(6,316)	(6,787)
Total non-current net assets	3,578	4,026	17,942	16,840
Net assets	7,005	7,065	31,257	30,966
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## Notes to the accounts

Subsidiary undertakings (continued)		•		
	Horizon Farms		Kakuzi Limited	
	as at 31 December		as at 31 December	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Current				
Assets	2,531	2,633	10,027	8,256
Liabilities	(647)	(318)	(2,500)	(1,316)
Total current net assets	1,884	2,315	7,527	6,940
Non-current				
Assets	9,262	8,536	20,155	19,095
Liabilities	(875)	(829)	(4,912)	(4,924)
Total non-current net assets	8,387	7,707	15,243	14,171
Net assets	10,271	10,022	22,770	21,111
Summarised income statement	Fastorm	Draduca	Fastorn	Produce
		Produce		Produce
		Limited		Limited
	-	ır ended	for yea	r ended
	=	ecember	31 De	•
		2016		cember
	2015	2014 £'000	2015	cember 2014
Davanua	£'000	£'000	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Revenue	-		2015	cember 2014
Revenue Profit before tax	£'000	£'000	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Profit before tax Taxation	£'000 39,280 13,227 (4,008)	£'000 27,783 4,936 (1,537)	2015 £'000 15,538	2014 £'000 18,113
Profit before tax	£'000 39,280 13,227	£'000 27,783 4,936	2015 £'000 15,538 21,037	2014 £'000 18,113 10,858
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Profit before tax  Taxation  Other comprehensive income/(expense)	£'000 39,280 13,227 (4,008) 25	£'000 27,783 4,936 (1,537) (127)	2015 £'000 15,538 21,037 (7,267)	2014 £000 18,113 10,858 (3,279)
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Subsidiary undertakings (continued)					
	Eastern	Eastern Produce		ke Group	
	South Afr	ica Limited	Limited		
	for year	ar ended	for year ended 31 December		
	31 De	cember			
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Revenue	4,866	4,448	67,461	59,569	
Profit before tax	2,478	975	2,241	5,157	
Taxation	(748)	(306)	(1,059)	(1,509)	
Other comprehensive expense			(118)	(1,206)	
Total comprehensive income	1,730	669	1,064	2,442	
Total comprehensive income allocated to		· .			
non-controlling interests	511	179	241	<i>782</i>	
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	68	· <u>-</u>	224	211	
	Horizon Farms		Kakuzi Limited		
	as at 31	December	as at 31	December	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Revenue	4,052	5,101	14,726	10,101	
Profit before tax	1,620	3,246	5,105	1,607	
Taxation	(616)	(1,243)	(1,581)	(501)	
Other comprehensive income/(expense)	<u> </u>		33	(41)	
Total comprehensive income	1,004	2,003	3,557	1,065	
Total comprehensive income allocated to	•		•		
non-controlling interests	201	401	1,754	525	
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	262	_	242	250	

## Notes to the accounts

## 40 Subsidiary and associated undertakings (continued)

## Subsidiary undertakings (continued)

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Summarised cash flows						
	Eastern Produce		Eastern Produce		Eastern Produce	
•	Keny	ya Limited	Malawi Limited		South Africa Limited	
•	for year ended		for year ended		for year ended	
	31	December	31 December		31	December
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities						
Cash generated from operations	16,421	4,272	3,489	4,602	854	9
Net interest received	1,284	831	(284)	815	72	64
Income tax paid	(1,847)	(1,462)	(1,289)	(1,335)	(233)	-
Net cash generated from operating activities	15.858	3,641	1,916	4,082	693	73
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Net cash used in investing activities	(945)	(856)	(581)	(1,655)	(288)	(461)
Net cash used in financing activities	(10,085)	(8,954)	(2,229)	(2,605)	(45)	13
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash						
equivalents and bank overdrafts	4,828	(6,169)	(894)	(178)	360	(375)
Cash, cash equivalents and bank			()	( <b>-</b> )		
overdrafts at beginning of year Exchange (losses)/gains on	10,291	16,194	(282)	(113)	1,764	2,221
cash and cash equivalents	(236)	266	272	9	(426)	(82)
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Cash, cash equivalents and bank						
overdrafts at end of year	14,883	10,291	(904)	(282)	1,698	1,764
God	dricke Grou	n Limited	Hori	zon Farms	Kaku	zi Limited
		ear ended		ear ended	_	ear ended
		December	•	December	-	December
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'00	£'000	£'00	£'00	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities						
Cash generated from operations	4,267	3,929	3,312	1,939	5,788	3,196
Net interest received		_	-	-	509	585
Income tax paid	(855)	(1,659)	(307)	(1,243)	(536)	(326)
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Net cash generated from operating activities	3,412	2,270	3,005	696		3,455
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,359)	(1,511)	(403)	(856)	(3,997)	(2,419)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,255)	(1,269)	(1,309)		(491)	(507)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
and bank overdrafts	798	(510)	1,293	(160)	1,273	529
Cash, cash equivalents and bank		(3/	-,	· · /	, -, <del>-</del>	
overdrafts at beginning of year	(168)	341	898	1,005	6,896	6,330
Exchange gains/(losses) on cash and	(/	3	3,2	-,		-,
cash equivalents	2	1	96	53	(388)	37
Cook and assistants 4	-					
Cash, cash equivalents and	622	(169)	2 207	000	7 701	6 906

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(168)

2,287

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7,781

6,896

bank overdrafts at end of year

### 40 Subsidiary and associated undertakings (continued)

#### Associated undertakings

The principal associated undertakings of the group at 31 December 2015 were:

			Group
			interest
	Principal	Accounting	in equity
	country of	date	capital
	operation	2015	per cent.
Insurance and banking			
BF&M Limited (Incorporated in Bermuda - common stock)	Bermuda	31 December	36.1
United Insurance Company Limited (Incorporated			
in Bangladesh – ordinary shares)	Bangladesh	31 December	37.0
United Finance Limited (Incorporated in Bangladesh - ordinary shares)	Bangladesh	31 December	38.4

### 41 Control of Camellia Plc

Camellia Holding AG continues to hold 1,427,000 ordinary shares of Camellia Plc (representing 51.67 per cent. of the total voting rights). Camellia Holding AG is owned by The Camellia Private Trust Company Limited, a private trust company incorporated under the laws of Bermuda as trustee of The Camellia Foundation ("the Foundation"). The Foundation is a Bermudian trust, the income of which is utilised for charitable, educational and humanitarian causes at the discretion of the trustees.

The activities of Camellia Plc and its group (the "Camellia Group") are conducted independently of the Foundation and none of the directors of Camellia Plc are connected with The Camellia Private Trust Company Limited or the Foundation. While The Camellia Private Trust Company Limited as a Trustee of the Foundation maintains its rights as a shareholder, it has not participated in, and has confirmed to the board of Camellia Plc that it has no intention of participating in, the day to day running of the business of the Camellia Group. The Camellia Private Trust Company Limited has also confirmed its agreement that where any director of Camellia Plc is for the time being connected with the Foundation, he should not exercise any voting rights as a director of Camellia Plc in relation to any matter concerning the Camellia Group's interest in any assets in which the Foundation also has a material interest otherwise than through Camellia Plc.

## Report of the independent auditors

### Independent auditors' report to the members of Camellia Plc

## Report on the financial statements

### Our opinion

In our opinion:

- Camellia Plc's group financial statements and company financial statements (the "financial statements") give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of the group's profit and the group's and the company's cash flows for the year then ended;
- the group financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted by the European Union;
- the company financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### What we have audited

The financial statements, included within the Annual Report, comprise:

- the Consolidated and Company balance sheet as at 31 December 2015;
- the Consolidated income statement and Statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the Consolidated and Company cash flow statement for the year then ended;
- · the Group and Company Statements of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- · the accounting policies; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include other explanatory information.

Certain required disclosures have been presented elsewhere in the Annual Report, rather than in the notes to the financial statements. These are cross-referenced from the financial statements and are identified as audited.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, and applicable law, as regards the company financial statements, as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

## Opinions on matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Report of the directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

### Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

### Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · the company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

## Report of the independent auditors

#### Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

### Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 29, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

### What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK and Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report and accounts to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

John Ellis (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

London

27 April 2016

## Five year record

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue – continuing operations	257,800	238,868	251,267	261,529	246,849
Profit before tax	40,524	21,983	59,648	69,710	58,650
Taxation	(18,590)	(13,673)	(22,105)	(25,662)	(16,860)
Profit from continuing operations	21,934	8,310	37,543	44,048	41,790
Profit attributable to owners of the parent	12,449	2,836	28,297	31,210	33,086
Equity dividends paid	3,480	3,452	3,388	3,224	3,057
Equity					
Called up share capital	282	282	283	284	284
Reserves	330,148	321,422	332,183	313,526	321,308
Total shareholders' funds	330,430	321,704	332,466	313,810	321,592
Earnings per share	450.7p	102.7p	102.2p	1,122.9p	1,190.4p
Dividend paid per share	126p	125p	122p	116p	110p