Registration number: 00054713

# Vesuvius UK Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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# **Company Information**

**Directors** 

RM Sykes Y Nokerman M Satterthwaite AJ Harrison HJ Knowles KF Siow

**Company Secretary** 

M Satterthwaite

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Auditor

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# Vesuvius UK Limited Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2013.

#### Principal activity and results

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The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vesuvius plc ("Vesuvius").

The Company's principal activities are the manufacture and sale of refractory products to the iron and steel and foundry industries in the UK, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas.

As shown in the Company's profit and loss account on page 8, the Company's turnover has increased slightly to £149,351,000, there was no major contributory factor. The profit after tax has increased by £1,414,000 to a profit after taxation of £7,770,000.

The balance sheet on page 9 of the financial statements shows that the Company's net assets at year - end of £50,425,000 have increased by £7,770,000 this being the reported profit for the year.

Vesuvius invests in research and development activities appropriate to the nature and size of its operations with the aim of supporting the future development of the Company in the medium to long-term future.

Vesuvius manages its operations on a group basis. For this reason, the Company's Directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the group is discussed in the Vesuvius plc Annual Report which does not form part of this Report.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

Competitive pressure in Eastern Europe and Asia is a continuing risk for the Company, which could result in it losing sales to its key competitors. To manage this risk, the Company strives to provide added-value products and services to its customers; prompt response times in the supply of products and services and in the handling of customer queries; and through the maintenance of strong relationships with customers.

The Company sells products into international markets and it is therefore exposed to currency movements on such sales. Where appropriate, the Company manages this risk with forward foreign exchange contracts in line with Vesuvius treasury policies.

The Company's businesses may be affected by fluctuations in the price and supply of key raw materials, although purchasing policies and practices seek to mitigate, where practicable, such risks.

The Company has no external debt but is however party to a number of loans with other group companies (both receivable and payable).

The Group risks to which Vesuvius plc is exposed are discussed in Vesuvius plc's Annual Report that does not form part of this Report.

Approved by the Board on 18 September 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

M Satterthwaite Company secretary

## Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013.

#### **Directors of the Company**

The Directors who held office during the year were as follows:

BMHR Massant (resigned 30 April 2013)

BR Elliston (resigned 31 March 2014)

RS Fell (resigned 21 March 2013)

RMH Malthouse (resigned 2 December 2013)

RM Sykes

Y Nokerman

M Satterthwaite (appointed Director 21 March 2013)

AJ Harrison (appointed Director 21 March 2013)

HJ Knowles (appointed Director 2 December 2013)

#### **Dividends**

The Directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend (2012: £nil).

#### Political and charitable donations

During the year the Company made political donations of £nil and charitable donations of £nil.

## **Employment of disabled persons**

Details of the number of employees and related costs can be found in note 5 to the financial statements.

Applications for employment by disabled persons are considered fully, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the Company continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the Company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical with that of other employees.

The Company participates in Vesuvius policies and practices to keep employees informed on matters relevant to them as employees through appropriate means, such as employee meetings and newsletters.

## Research and development

The Company continues its commitment in the area of research and development in terms of both existing product lines and a range of new products on behalf of group companies. Expenditure on research and development during 2013 was £3,892,000 (2012: £3,883,000).

#### Disclosure of information to the auditor

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### Reappointment of auditors

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

# Vesuvius UK Limited Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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Approved by the Board on 18 September 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

M Satterthwaite Company secretary

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 the Company and of the profit or loss of the 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 UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Vesuvius UK Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Vesuvius UK Limited for the year ended 31 December 2013, set out on pages 8 to 21. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members, those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 5, 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 and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

#### Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- · have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Vesuvius UK Limited

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## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Johnathan Pass (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditors

Chartered Accountants 1 The Embankment Leeds West Yorkshire LS1 4DW

September 2014

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# Vesuvius UK Limited Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

	Note	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Turnover	2	149,351	148,716
Cost of sales		(119,979)	(123,025)
Gross profit		29,372	25,691
Distribution costs		(2,662)	(2,775)
Administrative expenses		(17,857)	(15,143)
Operating profit	3	8,853	7,773
Profit on disposal of fixed asset investments Costs of reorganisation and restructuring	11	(340)	203 (836)
Non-operating exceptional items		(340)	(633)
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(614)	(648)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		7,899	6,492
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(129)	(136)
Profit for the financial year	18	7,770	6,356

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The Company has no recognised gains or losses for the year other than the results above.

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# **Balance Sheet at 31 December 2013**

	Note	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Fixed assets			
Intangible fixed assets	9	10,666	11,865
Tangible fixed assets	10	6,988	6,969
Investments	11	72	72_
	_	17,726	18,906
Current assets			
Stocks	12	15,819	17,042
Debtors	13	92,810	72,292
Cash at bank and in hand	_	965	12,177
		109,594	101,511
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(71,083)	(71,366)
Net current assets		38,511	30,145
Total assets less current liabilities		56,237	49,051
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(760)	(246)
Provisions for liabilities	16	(5,052)	(6,150)
Net assets	· •	50,425	42,655
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17	70,000	70,000
Profit and loss account	18	(19,575)	(27,345)
Shareholders' funds	19	50,425	42,655

Approved by the Board on 18 September 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements, except as noted below.

#### Going concern

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements of the Company.

## Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The Company is exempt from the requirement of FRS 1 (Revised) to prepare a cash flow statement as its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of Vesuvius plc.

#### **Exemption from preparing group accounts**

The Company is exempt by virtue of s400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements since the Company is itself a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vesuvius plc. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value, excluding value added tax, of goods and services supplied to customers including fellow subsidiaries.

#### Goodwill

Purchased goodwill is capitalised and amortised over the useful estimated economic life of 20 years.

#### Depreciation

Motor cars

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and provision for permanent diminution in value.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Depreciation method and rate Asset class 25 years **Buildings** Plant and equipment 10-15 years 5 years Commercial vehicles 4 years

## Research and development

All expenditure except that incurred on buildings and plant is charged against income as it is incurred.

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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#### Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at historical cost less provision for any diminution in value. Investments in subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries') are stated at cost, less any impairment in value.

#### Stock and work in progress

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value. Cost of work in progress and finished goods includes appropriate overheads.

#### Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the result for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

#### Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

## Hire purchase and leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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#### Financial instruments

The company uses a variety of derivative financial instruments as part of an overall risk management strategy. These instruments are used as a means of hedging exposure to a price and foreign currency risk connected to anticipated or contracted sales and purchases. The company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

Following the adoption of FRS 25, financial instruments issued by the Company are treated as equity (i.e. forming part of shareholders' funds) only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

a)they include no contractual obligations upon the Company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the Company; and

b)where the instrument will or may be settled in the Company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the Company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the Company's exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the Company's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

Finance payments associated with financial liabilities are dealt with as part of interest payable and similar charges. Finance payments associated with financial instruments that are classified as part of shareholders' funds, are dealt with as appropriations in the reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds.

#### **Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are recognised in the profit and loss account in the period in which they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

### 2 Turnover

During the year 70.4% of the company's turnover related to exports (2012 - 68.65%).

An analysis of turnover by geographical location is given below:

	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Sales - UK	44,210	46,620
Sales - Europe	96,550	92,923
Sales - Rest of world	8,591	9,173
	149,351	148,716
An analysis of turnover by class of business is given below:		
	2013	2012
	£ 000	£ 000
Business segment 1	149,351	148,716

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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		149,351	148,716
3	Operating profit		
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
		2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
	Operating leases - plant and machinery	2,583	2,563
	Depreciation of owned assets	1,077	848
	Amortisation	1,199	1,200
	Auditor's remuneration	35	34
4	Exceptional items		
		2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
	(Profit) / loss on sale of fixed assets	-	(203)
	Reorganisation or restructuring	340	836
		340	633
5	Particulars of employees		
	The average number of persons employed by the company (including directegory was as follows:	ectors) during the	year, analysed by
		2013 No.	2012 No.
	Administration and support	50	48
	Production	219	228
	Research and development	26	31
	Sales, marketing and distribution	<u>87</u>	88

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

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# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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		2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
	Wages and salaries	17,517	16,838
	Social security costs	1,524	1,476
	Staff pensions	1,678	1,656
	•	20,719	19,970
6	Directors' remuneration		
	The directors' remuneration for the year was as follows:		
		2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
	Remuneration	261	204
	Company contributions paid to money purchase schemes	38	28
	During the year the number of directors who were receiving benefits and sh	are incentives was as fo	allows:
	During the year the number of uncertors who were receiving conerns and on	2013	2012
		No.	No.
		•	
	Accruing benefits under money purchase pension scheme	2	1
	In respect of the highest paid director:		
		2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
	Remuneration	150	146
	Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	29	28
	Defined benefit accrued pension entitlement at the end of the period	23	22
	Defined benefit accrued lump sum at the end of the period	114	109
7	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
	Interest on bank borrowings	16 .	15
	Interest payable to group undertakings	327	322
	Unwinding of discount in relation to reorganisation provision	271	311
		614	648

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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## 8 Taxation

Tax on	profit on	ordinary	activities
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	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Current tax on income	129	136
Total tax on profit on ordinary activities	129	136

#### Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

Tax on profit on ordinary activities for the year is lower than (2012: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23.25% (2012: 24.5%).

The differences are reconciled below:

	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	7,899	6,492
Corporation tax at standard rate	1,837	1,591
Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation	(289)	(451)
Other timing differences	(260)	(361)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	324	215
Overseas tax rate difference	129	136
Losses brought forward utilised	(1,612)	(994)
Total current tax	129	136

## Factors that may affect future tax charges

The unrecognised deferred tax asset is approximately £4.5m (2012: £6.4m) in respect of operating losses, £1.2m (2012: £1.6m) in respect of other timing differences and £0.8m (2012: £1.2m) for accelerated capital allowances. If circumstances change in the future resulting in the recoverability of the deferred tax asset becoming more certain, the asset will be recognised. This will only be the case if there is persuasive and reliable evidence suggesting that suitable taxable profits will be generated in the future.

From 1 April 2013, the UK corporation tax rate reduced to 23% from 24%. Further corporate tax rate reductions to 21% from 20 April 2014 and 20% from 1 April 2015 were substantively enacted on 2 July 2013.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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# 9 Intangible fixed assets

				Goodwill £ 000
Cost				
At 1 January 2013			_	23,988
At 31 December 2013			_	23,988
Amortisation				
At 1 January 2013				12,123
Charge for the year			-	1,199
At 31 December 2013			-	13,322
Net book value				
At 31 December 2013			<u>-</u>	10,666
At 31 December 2012			=	11,865
10 Tangible fixed assets				
	Freehold land and buildings £ 000	Plant and machinery £ 000	Other tangibles £ 000	Total £ 000
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2013	1,209	11,478	873	13,560
Additions	-	-	1,096	1,096
Disposals	-	(246)	-	(246)
Reclassification	571	1,082	(1,653)	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2013	1,780	12,314	316	14,410
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2013	342	6,249	-	6,591
Charge for the year	77	1,000	-	1,077
Eliminated on disposals	<del>-</del>	(246)	<u> </u>	(246)
At 31 December 2013	419	7,003	<u> </u>	7,422
Net book value				
At 31 December 2013	1,361	5,311	316	6,988
At 31 December 2012	867	5,229	873	6,969

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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## 11 Investments held as fixed assets

		Investments in subsidiary undertakings £ 000
Cost		
At 1 January 2013		63
At 31 December 2013		63
Provision for impairment		
At 31 December 2013		•
Net book value		
At 31 December 2013		63
At 31 December 2012		63
Other investments		
	Unlisted investments £	Total £ 000
Cost		
At 1 January 2013	9	9
At 31 December 2013	9	9
Net book value		
At 31 December 2013	9	9
At 31 December 2012	9	9

## **Details of undertakings**

The principal subsidiaries and joint ventures of Vesuvius UK Limited and the countries in which they are incorporated are as follows:

SG Blair & Company Limited

All of the above are wholly- owned, unless otherwise stated.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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# 12 Stocks

	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Raw materials	5,921	6,106
Work in progress	674	446
Finished goods	9,224	10,490
	15,819	17,042
13 Debtors		
	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Trade debtors	16,704	17,813
Amounts owed by group undertakings	72,537	50,067
Prepayments and accrued income	3,569	4,412
	92,810	72,292
14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Trade creditors	10,610	13,484
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	929
Amounts owed to group undertakings	57,008	54,601
Other taxes and social security	486	510
Accruals and deferred income	2,979	1,842
	71,083	71,366
15 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Accruals and deferred income	760	246

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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#### 16 Provisions

	Other provision £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 January 2013	6,150	6,150
Charged to the profit and loss account	340	340
Utilised during the year	(1,709)	(1,709)
Unwinding discounted provision during the year	271	271
	(1,098)	(1,098)
At 31 December 2013 The provision includes the following:	5,052	5,052

The provision includes the following:

# 17 Share capital

# Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2013		2012	
	No.	£ 000	No.	£ 000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	70,000,000	70,000	70,000,000	70,000
18 Reserves				
			Profit and loss account £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 January 2013			(27,345)	(27,345)
Profit for the year			7,770	7,770
At 31 December 2013			(19,575)	(19,575)

<sup>•</sup> The costs of closing the Head Office at 2 Midland Way, Barlborough Links, Derbyshire;

<sup>•</sup> The costs of the closure of a production site located at Newmilns, Ayreshire and the withdrdawal of Viso and Clay Graphite production in the UK.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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#### 19 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
Profit attributable to the members of the Company	7,770	6,356
Net addition to shareholders' funds	7,770	6,356
Shareholders' funds at 1 January	42,655	36,299
Shareholders' funds at 31 December	50,425	42,655

#### 20 Pension schemes

#### Defined contribution pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £1,678,000 (2012 - £1,656,000).

### Defined benefit pension schemes

The Company also participated in the UK defined benefit pension scheme operated by its ultimate parent company ("UK Scheme"). As the company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the UK Scheme, it therefore accounts for its membership of the UK Scheme as it would for a defined contribution scheme. The UK Scheme was closed to future accrual following the completion of the required period of consulation with its employees. Contributions due to the UK Scheme since 31 July 2010 are being fully met by Vesuvius plc.

Particulars of the latest actuarial valuation and deficit of the UK Scheme which was carried out by independent qualified actuaries, are included in the accounts of the ultimate parent company, Vesuvius plc, which are available at the address given in note 23.

#### 21 Commitments

#### Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements amounted to £117,000 (2012 - £278,000).

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

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#### **Operating lease commitments**

As at 31 December 2013 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Operating leases which expire:

	2013 £ 000	2012 £ 000
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Land and buildings		
Within one year	•	87
Within two and five years	270	270
Over five years	1,370	1,398
	1,640	1,755
Other		
Within one year	190	95
Within two and five years	508	594
	698	689

#### 22 Related party transactions

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vesuvius plc, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the Vesuvius plc group.

#### 23 Immediate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is Vesuvius-Premier Refractories (Holdings) Limited.

The ultimate controlling party is Vesuvius plc, registered in England and Wales, which heads the largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated. The financial statements of Vesuvius plc are available to the public and may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Vesuvius plc, 165 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2AE.

No other group financial statements include the results of the Company.