AB Agri Limited
Directors' Report and Financial
Statements
For the 52 week period ended
17 September 2011

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the 52 week period ended 17 September 2011

Principal activities

Through a number of business divisions operating right across the supply chain, AB Agri manufactures high performance compound feeds, provides world leading analytical capability, nutritional advice, sustainable business solutions and poultry marketing services for customers. It helps food, drink and bioethanol companies internationally to reduce their environmental footprint by marketing their co-products as animal feed and also supplies premix, enzymes and other technical products to the livestock and pet industries. AB Agri's proposition can influence profitability at every stage of the food supply chain.

Business review

AB Agri Limited had another record year, continuing on from growth in previous years Revenues in 2011 of £902m (2010. £802m) were 12% ahead of the prior year with growth achieved in all sectors, driven by commodity price increases in UK feed and the strong development of feed enzymes, speciality feeds and nutrition. This growth drove operating profit up 20% on last year.

UK feed revenues and profit both grew, benefiting from the long-term relationships developed with major customers. This was achieved despite a difficult year for the UK livestock industry which experienced one of the worst winters on record and agricultural commodities showing extremes in both the overall high level and in day-to-day volatility of cereal prices.

At Premier Nutrition, sales of pig starter feeds and premixes continued to grow strongly, particularly in Eastern Europe and Russia Expansion of the premix factory at Rugeley is progressing to plan and will come on stream next autumn

AB Vista achieved strong revenue growth and significant market share gains in feed enzymes

Directors' report (continued)

Risks and uncertainties

Treasury operations are conducted within a framework of board-approved policies and guidelines to manage the company's financial and commodity risks. Financial risks essentially arise through exposure to foreign currencies, interest rates, counterparty credit and borrowing facilities. Commodity risks arise from the procurement of raw materials and the exposure to changes in market prices. Liquidity risk arises from the availability of internal and external funding to enable the company meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual financial obligations resulting in a loss to the company Credit risk arises from cash balances, credit exposures to customers including outstanding receivables, derivative financial instruments, and financial guarantees Credit risk is managed at both a group and company level according to internal guidelines, with businesses responsible for their exposure to customer credit risk.

Key performance indicators

The key performance indicators for AB Agri are turnover, operating profit, return on average capital employed and debtor days. The table below provides a summary of our performance against these key performance indicators for the past two financial periods.

	52 week period	53 week period	Increase/
	ended 17	ended 18	(Decrease)
	September 2011	September 2010	
	£000/%/days	£000/%/days	£000/%/days
Turnover	901,899	802,228	99,671
Operating profit	7,682	6,398	1,284
ROCE	6.7%	7 8%	(1 1%)
Debtor days	52	47	5

Payments to suppliers

The company along, with its parent company Associated British Foods plc, has a policy on payment of suppliers set out in its Business Principles which states that the company settles its bills promptly, being a signatory of the Prompt Payment Code Further information concerning this Code, and copies of it, can be found at www promptpaymentcode org uk

The outstanding trade creditors at the balance sheet date, as a proportion of payments to suppliers during the period, represents 24 days purchases (2010. 25 days)

Directors' report (continued)

Dividend

The directors have proposed a final ordinary dividend in respect of the current financial year of £10,000,000. This has not been included within creditors as it was not approved before the year end

Dividends paid during the year comprise a final dividend of £11,000,000 in respect of the previous year ended 18 September 2010

Market value of land and buildings

Changes in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 10. In the opinion of the directors the market value of land and buildings at the end of the period exceeded the amount included in the balance sheet, but they are unable to quantify the excess

Research and development

The company continued its expenditure on research and development with expenditure during the period of £384,000 (2010 £242,000).

Directors

The directors who held office during the period and at the date of this report were as follows

D J D Yiend

R C Cloke

N Kimberley

(Resigned 12 January 2011)

A Murphy

R G Cooper

MBL Allen

(Appointed 12 January 2011)

GO Williams

(Appointed 25 May 2011)

Company secretary

R S Schofield

The company does not have a designated chairman

Certain directors benefited from qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the financial period and at the date of this report

Directors' report (continued)

Employees

The company is committed to offering equal opportunities to all persons in their recruitment, training and career development, having regard for their particular aptitudes and abilities. Full and fair consideration is given to applicants with disabilities and every effort is made to give employees who become disabled whilst employed by the company an opportunity for retraining.

Political and charitable contributions

The company made no political contributions during the current or preceding financial periods. Donations to UK charities amounted to £6,360 (2010 £1,158)

Disclosure of information to 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 auditor is 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 auditor is aware of that information For these purposes, relevant audit information means information needed by the company's auditor in connection with the preparation of their report on page 7

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG Audit Plc will therefore continue in office

On behalf of the board

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Director

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Date 8 June 2012

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements

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 UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 then apply them consistently,
- make judgments 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,
- 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

KPMG Audit Plc

Independent auditor's report to the members of AB Agri Limited

We have audited the financial statements of AB Agri Limited for the 52 week period ended 17 September 2011 set out on pages 8 to 29. 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 Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, 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 (APB'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 APB's web-site at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 17 September 2011 and of its profit for the period 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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

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

Some Rolls

Sarah Rolls (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc, Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants 15 Canada Square, London, E14 5GL 8 June 2012

Profit and loss account for the 52 week period ended 17 September 2011

		52 week period	53 week period
	Note	ended 17 September 2011 £000	ended 18 September 2010 £000
Turnover Cost of sales	2	901,899 (808,208)	802,228 (718,888)
Gross profit		93,691	83,340
Distribution costs Administration expenses		(53,156) (32,853)	(46,181) (30,761)
Operating profit		7,682	6,398
Profit on sale of fixed assets Interest receivable and similar	5	316 4,537	3,116 4,066
income Interest payable and similar charges	6	(424)	(513)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	12,111	13,067
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(3,569)	(2,993)
Profit for the financial period	19	8,542	10,074

There is no material difference between the profit on ordinary activities and the retained profit for the period stated above, and their historical cost equivalents

All operations were continuing in the current and prior year

The notes on pages 11 to 29 form part of these financial statements

Balance sheet at 17 September 2011

	Note	17 September 2011				ember 2010
		€000	£000	£000	£000	
Fixed assets Intangible assets	9		1,831		350	
Tangible assets Investments	10 11		41,626 37,839		40,359 37,839	
			81,296		78,548	
Current assets Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	13 14	17,734 146,266 6,834		15,502 119,421 14,505		
		170,834		149,428		
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	15	(88,348)		(89,379)		
Net current assets			82,486		60,049	
Total assets less current liabilities			163,782		138,597	
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year Provision for liabilities and charges	16 17		(35,277) (1,792)		(7,957) (2,041)	
Net assets			126,713		128,599 ———	
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	18		102,000		102,000	
Share based payment reserve Profit and loss account	19 19		1,923 22,790		1,351 25,248	
Shareholders' funds	19		126,713		128,599	

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 8 June 2012 and were signed on its behalf by

R C Cloke

Director

Company registered number 193800

The notes on pages 11 to 29 form part of these financial statements

Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the 52 week period ended 17 September 2011

	52 week	53 week
	period ended	period ended
	17 September	18 September
	2011	2010
	£000	£000
Profit for the financial period	8,542	10,074
Equity settled share based payment expense for the financial period	572	401
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the financial period	9,114	10,475

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules

The company is exempt by virtue of \$400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Associated British Foods plc, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has not disclosed transactions or balances with other wholly owned entities which form part of the group. The consolidated financial statements of Associated British Foods plc, within which this company is included, can be obtained from the address given in note 25.

Going concern

The directors have considered the factors that impact the company's future development, performance, cash flows and financial position along with the company's liquidity in forming their opinion on the going concern basis

The company is expected to continue to generate positive cash flows for the foreseeable future. On the basis of the directors' assessment of the financial position, the company's directors have a reasonable expectation that the company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided on the original cost of assets and is calculated on a straight line basis at rates sufficient to reduce them to their estimated residual value. No depreciation is provided on freehold land. Leaseholds are written off over the period of the lease or 50 years, whichever is the shorter period. The anticipated useful life of other assets is generally deemed to be not longer than

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Freehold buildings
Plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings
Cars

50 years
5-12 years
5 years

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of goods and services to customers

The company recognises revenue at the point of despatch of goods and for services when they have been provided

Leases

The company enters into operating leases whereby substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset remain with the lessor Rental payments on operating leases are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the life of the lease

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off to the profit and loss account in the period in which it is incurred

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due provision against obsolete and slow moving items. In the case of manufactured goods the term 'cost' includes raw materials, production wages, and production overheads.

Taxation

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

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling using the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account

Investments

Investments are stated at cost less amounts written off in respect of any impairment in value

Retirement benefits

The company is a member of the Associated British Foods Pension Scheme which operates both a defined contribution and a defined benefit pension scheme Contributions to the defined contribution scheme are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable. The defined benefit scheme is a multi-employer scheme and the company is unable to identify its share of underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions to the defined benefit scheme are therefore accounted for as if they were contributions to a defined contribution scheme.

Share-based payments

The Associated British Foods plc group operates a share incentive plan which allows employees to receive allocations of shares subject to the attainment of certain financial performance criteria and typically after a three-year performance period. The fair value of the shares to be awarded is recognised as an employee expense by the company, with a corresponding increase in reserves. The fair value is measured at grant date and charged to the income statement over the period during which the employee becomes unconditionally entitled to the shares. The fair value of the shares allocated is measured taking into account the terms and conditions of the share incentive plan under which the shares were allocated. The amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of shares that vest

Goodwill

Purchased goodwill arising on business combinations in respect of acquisitions before 1 January 1998, when FRS 10 'Goodwill and intangible assets' was adopted, was written off to reserves in the year of acquisition. When a subsequent disposal occurs any related goodwill previously written off to reserves is written back through the profit and loss account as part of the profit or loss on disposal.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Goodwill (continued)

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on business combinations in respect of acquisitions since 1 January 1998 is capitalised. Positive goodwill is amortised to nil by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life.

On the subsequent disposal or termination of a business acquired since 1 January 1998, the profit or loss on disposal or termination is calculated after charging (crediting) the unamortised amount of any related goodwill

2 Turnover

In the opinion of the directors, the company operates in only one business segment, being the manufacture, purchase and sale of agricultural products. Materially all of the company's turnover and results arise from trade within the European Union, principally the United Kingdom. Materially all of the company's net assets are located in the United Kingdom.

3 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging.

	52 week	53 week
	period ended	period ended
	17 September	18 September
	· 2011	2010
	£000	£000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7,703	5,872
Amortisation	19	19
Hire of plant and machinery - rentals payable under operating leases Land and building payments under operating	74	160
leases	552	576
Research and development	384	242
Auditor's remuneration – audit fees	162	209
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Amounts receivable by the company's auditor in respect of services to the company and its associates, other than the audit of the company's financial statements, have not been disclosed as the information is required instead to be disclosed on a consolidated basis in the consolidated financial statements of the company's parent, Associated British Foods plc

Notes (continued)

4 Directors and employees

The average weekly number of employees, including directors, of the company during the period was 925 (2010 909)

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows

	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000	53 week period ended 18 September 2010 £000
Wages and salaries Amounts receivable under long term incentive	34,601	33,490
plans	572	401
Social security costs	3,416	3,237
Pension costs	3,272	3,089
	41,861	40,217
	52 week	53 week
	period	period
	ended 17	ended 18
	September	September
	2011	2010
	£000	£000
Directors' emoluments	1,663	1,591
Pension costs	360	278
Amounts receivable under long term incentive plans	572	401
	2,595	2,270

Notes (continued)

4 Directors and employees (continued)

Of the directors' emoluments £940,000 (2010 £755,000) was paid by other group companies on behalf of AB Agri Limited. The aggregate emoluments of the highest paid director from emoluments and long term incentive plans were £940,000 (2010 £755,000). This figure includes company pension contributions of £136,000 (2010 £122,000) that were made on their behalf.

	2011 Number	2010 Number
Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under defined benefit		
schemes and EFRBS where appropriate Amounts were paid to the following number of	4	4
directors under long term incentive plans	5	4

5 Interest receivable and similar income

	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000	53 week period ended 18 September 2010 £000
Interest receivable	12	27
Other interest receivable on loans from fellow group undertakings	4,525	4,039
	4,537	4,066
		

6 Interest payable and similar charges

	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000	53 week period ended 18 September 2010 £000
Other interest payable	424	513

Notes (continued)

7 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

Analysis of lax charge	17 September 2011 £000	18 September 2010 £000
UK corporation tax Current tax on income for the period Adjustment in respect of prior periods	4,163 (345)	3,318 -
Total current tax	3,818	3,318
Deferred tax (see note 17) Reversal of timing differences Effect of change in tax rate Adjustment in respect of prior periods	(546) (142) 439	(356) (76) 107
Total deferred tax	(249)	(325)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3,569	2,993

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period

The current tax charge for the period is higher (2010: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 27.1% (2010: 28%). The differences are explained below

	17 September 2011 £000	18 September 2010 £000
Current tax reconciliation Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	12,111	13,067
Current tax at 27 1% (2010 28%)	3,282	3,659
Effects of Expenses not deductible/(income not taxable) for tax purposes	337	(696)
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances Other timing differences Adjustment in respect of prior periods	564 (20) (345)	306 49 -
Total current tax charge (see above)	3,818	3,318

Notes (continued)

7 Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

Factors affecting future tax charges

Effective 1 April 2011 the corporation tax rate was reduced from 28% to 26%. A further decrease to 25% has taken effect from 1 April 2012 and the impact on deferred tax has been included within these accounts. It has also been announced that the UK tax rate will drop a further 1% per annum over the following years reaching 23% effective from 1 April 2014. However, the impact of these subsequent corporation tax rate reductions will only be reflected as the relevant legislation is substantively enacted.

8 Dividends

The aggregate amount of dividends comprises

	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000	53 week period ended 18 September 2010 £000
Dividends paid in respect of prior year but not recognised as liabilities in that year	11,000	25,000

Notes (continued)

9 Intangible assets

	Goodwill Intangible assets		Total	
	£000	£000	£000	
Cost At beginning of period Additions	376 -	1,500	376 1,500	
At end of period	376	1,500	1,876	
Amortisation At beginning of period Charge for the period	26 19	- -	26 19	
At end of period	45	-	45	
Net book value At 17 September 2011	331	1,500	1,831	
At 18 September 2010	350	-	350	

The directors consider each acquisition separately for the purpose of determining the amortisation period of any goodwill that arises

- The goodwill in relation to the purchase of selected trade and assets of JE Porter Limited is amortised over a period of 20 years
- The intangible assets in relation to the purchase of selected trade and assets of Uffculme Feed Mill Limited are amortised over a period of 4 years

These amortisation policies are in line with the requirements of FRS 10 and group policy

Notes (continued)

10 Tangible assets

	Land and freehold buildings	Long leasehold buildings	Plant and machinery, fixtures and fittings, cars	Assets in the course of construction	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost					07.771
At beginning of period	14,488	979	77,212	5,092	97,771
Additions	387	1 <i>7</i>	7,329	1,851	9,584
Disposals	(293)	-	(2,564)	-	(2,857)
Transfers	-	-	5,092	(5,092)	-
At end of period	14,582	996	87,069	1,851	104,498
Depreciation		100	50 410		57.41 0
At beginning of period	6,507	492	50,413	-	57,412 7,703
Charge for the period	401	60	7,242	-	
Disposals	-	-	(2,243)	-	(2,243)
At end of period	6,908	552	55,412		62,872
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Net book value					
At 17 September 2011	7,674	444	31,657	1,851	41,626
At 18 September 2010	7,981	487	26,799	5,092	40,359
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Freehold land of £2,251,000 is not depreciated (2010 £2,251,000).

The net book value of tangible fixed assets include £71,000 (2010 £nil) in respect of assets held under finance leases. The depreciation charge in respect of such assets amounted to £nil (2010 £nil)

Notes (continued)

11 Investments

Shares in group undertakings £000

Cost

At beginning and end of period

37,839

The company has an interest of more than 20% in the following companies.

	Country of registration	Principal activity	Class and percentage of shares held
Subsidiary undertakings			
ABN (Overseas) Limited	England and Wales	Investment company	100% Ordinary
ABN (Scotland) Limited	Scotland	Non-trading	100% Ordinary
Courtyard Beef UK Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	100% Ordinary
Nutrition Trading (International) Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	100% Ordinary
Agrilines Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	100% Ordinary
Eastbrook Farms Organic Pigs Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	50% Ordinary
Premier Nutrition Products Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	100% Ordinary
Banbury Agriculture Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	100% Ordinary
Nutrition Trading Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	100% Ordinary

In the opinion of the directors, the investments in the company's subsidiary undertakings are worth at least the amounts at which they are stated in the balance sheet.

Notes (continued)

12 Capital commitments

Capital commitments at the end of the financial period, for which no provision has been made, amounted to £2,600,000 (2010 \pm nil).

13 Stocks

	17 September 2011 £000	18 September 2010 £000
Raw materials and consumables Finished goods and goods for resale	16,252 1,482	13,875 1,627
	17,734	15,502

14 Debtors

	17 September 2011 £000	18 September 2010 £000
Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	128,731 984 141 16,410	103,345 2,935 164 12,977
	146,266	119,421

Notes (continued)

15 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	17 September 2011 £000	18 September 2010 £000
Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Corporation tax Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	58,093 5,524 4,100 100 20,531	55,358 8,598 4,307 90 21,026
	88,348	89,379

16 Creditors - amounts falling due after one year

	17 September	18 September
	2011	2010
	£000	£000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	35,277	7,957
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Notes (continued)

17 Provision for liabilities and charges

		Deferred tax £000
At 18 September 2010 Provision created Utilised		2,041 271 (520)
At 17 September 2011		1,792
		-
Deferred taxation	17 September 2011 £000	18 September 2010 £000
Analysis by component Other timing differences Accelerated capital allowances	(264) 2,056	(304) 2,345
	1,792	2,041
18 Called up share capital		
	17 September 2011 £000	18 September 2010 £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid 102,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	102,000	102,000

Notes (continued)

19 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	Share capital	Share based payment reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At beginning of period	102,000	1,351	25,248	128,599
Profit for the period	-	-	8,542	8,542
Dividends	_	-	(11,000)	(11,000)
Share-based payment expense for the period	-	572	-	572
At end of period	102,000	1,923	22,790	126,713

Notes (continued)

20 Share-based payments

The company had the following equity-settled share-based payment plans in operation during the period.

Associated British Foods Executive Share Incentive Plan 2003 ('the Share Incentive Plan') The Share Incentive Plan was approved and adopted by Associated British Foods plc at its annual general meeting held on 5 December 2003. It takes the form of conditional allocations of shares which will be released if, and to the extent that, certain performance targets are satisfied over a three-year performance period.

Details of the shares outstanding under the equity-settled share-based payment plan are as follows:

	17 September 2011 No of shares
Balance outstanding at the beginning of the period Transferred in Awarded this period Vested Lapsed	259,105 12,678 88,892 (62,268) {8,705}
Balance outstanding at the end of the period	289,702

Fair values

The weighted average fair value of the shares awarded under the Share Incentive Plan was determined by taking the market price of the shares at the time of grant and discounting for the fact that dividends are not paid during the vesting period (for conditional allocations of shares)

The weighted average fair value of shares awarded under the Share Incentive Plan during the year was 999 pence (2010 801 pence) and the weighted average share price was 1,074 pence (2010, 862 pence). The dividend yield used was 2.5%

The company recognised a total equity-settled share-based payment expense of £572,000 (2010 £401,000)

Notes (continued)

21 Contingent liabilities

The company, together with British Sugar plc and certain other subsidiary undertakings of Associated British Foods plc, is party to a set-off arrangement in respect of its bank accounts with certain of the group's bankers

In the normal course of business the company enters into forward commodity purchase and sales agreements

22 Commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows

	17 September 2011		18 September 2010	
	Land and buildings £000	Other assets £000	Land and Buildings £000	Other Assets £000
Operating leases which expire				
Within one year	71	29	4	24
Between two and five years	50	46	89	60
After five years	431	-	399	13
	552	75	492	97

Notes (continued)

23 Pension costs

The company is a member of the Associated British Foods Pension Scheme which provides benefits based on final pensionable pay. Because the company is unable to identify its share of the scheme's assets and liabilities on a consistent basis, as permitted by FRS 17 the scheme is accounted for by the company as if it were a defined contribution scheme. On 30 September 2002 the scheme was closed to new members and a defined contribution arrangement was put in place for other employees. For the defined contribution scheme, the pension costs are the contributions payable.

The last actuarial valuation of the Associated British Foods Pension Scheme was carried out as at 5 April 2008. At the valuation date the total market value of the assets of the Scheme was £2,223m and represented 93% of the benefits that had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings. Following completion of the actuarial valuation, the group agreed to make five annual payments of £30m in order to eliminate the deficit at 5 April 2008. The third of these payments were made in March 2011.

The actuarial valuations were updated for IAS 19 purposes to 17 September 2011 by an independent qualified actuary. The updated valuation of the Scheme was a surplus of £33 million (2010 £14 million deficit). There are no material differences in the valuation methodologies under IAS 19 and FRS 17. Full IAS 19 disclosures can be found within the financial statements of Associated British Foods plc, which may be obtained from Associated British Foods plc, Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 4QY These financial statements are also available for download from the group's website at www abf co uk

The combined contribution to the defined benefit and defined contribution sections of the Associated British Foods Pension Scheme for the year was £3,272,000 (2010. £3,089,000)

Notes (continued)

24 Related party transactions

Transactions with the group's related parties, as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 8, are summarised below.

	2011	2010
	£000	£000
	255	207
Sales (on normal trading terms)	355	327
Purchases (on normal trading terms)	180,918	139,637
Amounts due from Frontier Agriculture Limited	80	46
Amounts due to Frontier Agriculture Limited	17,863	13,834

All sales and purchases are with Frontier Agriculture Limited, a 50 50 joint venture between ABF Holdings Limited and Cargill plc

25 Holding company

The immediate holding company is ABF Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The ultimate holding company is Wittington Investments Limited which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is headed by Wittington Investments Limited. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is headed by Associated British Foods plc, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from Associated British Foods plc, Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 4QY. The consolidated accounts of Associated British Foods plc are also available for download on the group's website at www.abf.co.uk