Cookson Plastics (Europe) Limited

Report and Accounts

31 December 2005

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## **Directors' Report**

The Directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2005.

### Principal activity

The Company did not trade during the year.

### Results and dividends

The result for the year after taxation amounted to £nil (2004: £122,000). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2004: £nil).

### Directors

During the year, no Director had any beneficial interest in the shares of the Company. The Directors who served during the year and their interest in the ordinary shares of Cookson Group plc, the ultimate holding company, are stated below.

		Options to purchase 1p ordinary shares				Options to po	-		
	At 1 January 2005	Granted	Lapsed	At 26 May 2005	Restated At 27 May 2005	Exercised	Lapsed	At 31 December 2005	
BR Elliston RMH Malthouse SA O'Hara	1,443,746 1,615,953 175,936	608,775 709,459 42,897		2,052,521 2,325,412 218,833	205,245 232,537 21,880	3,780 3,780	2,856 2,730	202,389 226,027 18,100	

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	At 1	At 26	At 27	At 31		
	January	May	May	December		
	2005	2005	2005	2005		
BR Elliston	63,810	166,912	16,690	10,310		
RMH Malthouse	153,524	253,524	25,352	29,132		
SA O'Hara	10,932	10,932	1,093	4,873		

At the Cookson Group plc Annual General Meeting held on 26 May 2005, shareholders approved a share consolidation. The share consolidation took effect following the close of business on 26 May 2005, with shareholders receiving one new ordinary share of 10p each for every 10 existing ordinary shares of 1p each held at the close of business on 26 May 2005. Trading in the new ordinary shares of 10p commenced on 27 May 2005.

## Directors' Report (continued)

### 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards.

The financial statements are required by law to 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 judgements and 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

#### Auditors

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the reappointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the board on 12 June 2006

Rache, S. R.

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### Independent auditors' report to the members of Cookson Plastics (Europe) Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 8.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 2, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG Audit Plc Chartered Accountants

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London

Registered Auditor

12 June 2006

# Profit and Loss Account For the year ended 31 December 2005

	Notes _	2005	2004
		£000	£000
Administration income		-	33
Interest and similar income		-	89
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Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6	-	122
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	-	-
Retained profit for the financial year	<u>-</u>		122

All amounts for the current year arose from continuing operations.

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than those detailed above for the two financial years.

# Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2005

	Notes		2005		2004
		£000	0003	£000	£000
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(8,210)		(8,210)	
Net current liabilities			(8,210)		(8,210)
Net liabilities			(8,210)	_	(8,210)
Capital and Reserves					
Called up share capital	5		24		24
Profit and loss account	6		(8,234)		(8,234)
Equity shareholders' funds	7	•	(8,210)	_	(8,210)

BR Elliston Director

Approved by the board on 12 2006

Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2005

### 1 Accounting policies

#### Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. In the event of the Company being unable to meet its liabilities, the ultimate parent company has undertaken to provide financial support, as may be required, for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts. Based on this undertaking the Directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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 Cookson Group plc.

During the year the Company adopted the following new financial reporting standards issued by the Account Standards Board:

FRS 21 Events after the balance sheet date

FRS 25 Financial instruments: disclosure and presentation

FRS 28 Corresponding amounts

#### 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 which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date which could give rise to an obligation in the future.

#### Related party transactions

As the Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cookson Group 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 Cookson Group plc group.

### 2 Operating profit

Other than the Directors the Company had no employees during the year. The Directors received no remuneration in respect of their services to the Company during the year. The auditor's remuneration is borne by the parent company.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)
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# 3 Taxation

		2005 £000	2004 £000
	Analysis of charge in period		
	UK corporation tax at 30% (2004: 30%)		-
	Tax on profits from ordinary activities		
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period		
	Current tax reconciliation Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax		122
	Current tax (credit) at 30% (2004: 30%)	-	37
	Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Income not taxable Loss relief from group companies for no payment Total current tax (see above)	- - - -	(10) (27)
4	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2005 £000	2004 £000
	Amounts owed to parent undertakings	8,210	8,210
5	Share capital		
		2005 £000	2004 £000
	Authorised:		
	30,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		30
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	24,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	24	24_

Notes to the Accounts (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2005

### 6 Profit and loss account

		2005 £000	2004 £000
	At 1 January Retained profit/(loss) At 31 December	(8,234)	(8,356) 122 (8,234)
7	Reconciliation of movement in equity shareholders' funds		
		2005 £000	2004 £000
	At 1 January Profit for the financial year At 31 December	(8,210)	(8,332) 122 (8,210)

# 8 Ultimate holding company

The Company's ultimate holding company is Cookson Group plc, which is registered in England and Wales.

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Cookson Group plc. The accounts of Cookson Group plc are available to the public and may be obtained from 165 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2AE.

No other group accounts include the results of the Company.