Company Number: 361699

STANHOPE-SETA LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

AND

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

31ST JULY, 2009

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COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

Mrs. M. Richardson M. Verity G. Verity

SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE

Mrs. M. Richardson 10 Orange Street, Haymarket, London WC2H 7DQ.

AUDITORS

Shipleys LLP 10 Orange Street, Haymarket, London WC2H 7DQ.

COMPANY NUMBER: 361699

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the abbreviated accounts of the company for the year ended 31st July, 2009.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is the manufacture of testing equipment for the hydrocarbon industries.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £519,696. A dividend of £473,000 was paid in the year and the retained profit carried forward is £3,498,265.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The company's range of equipment is designed for the hydrocarbon industries. The company is reliant on the performance of these industries and therefore any change in their level of activity is likely to affect its results. Obsolescence of the existing test procedures represents a key risk to the company, and therefore ongoing development of the instrument range will be an important part of mitigating this and will provide new opportunities for the company.

FAIR REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The directors are pleased with the company's performance for the year. Sales exceeded expectations due to expansion and growth within developing markets. Increasing energy requirements continue to drive demand for oil and environmental pressures are driving a demand for reduced emissions. The industry is responding by looking for improvements in refining efficiency, and tighter quality control on fuels. Bio fuels also now represent a key growth area for the industry. The company's Research and Development group is actively developing instruments to fulfil these new industry requirements and improve existing technologies. Competition within the instrumentation sector is significant, not only from other established manufacturers but also from local domestic products coming from countries such as China. The company's product line is well established, and the directors are confident that the reputation of the company will greatly assist, where competition is present. The directors continue to monitor cost levels to ensure that an adequate return is received.

The key financial highlights are as follows:

	2009	2008	2007	2006
Turnover growth	10.5%	34.5%	12.7%	12.7%
Profit before taxation	£402,709	£481,525	£526,311	£156,104

DIRECTORS' REPORT – CONTINUED

EXPOSURE TO THE EFFECTS OF FUTURE CHANGES IN INTEREST RATES

The company's principal financial instruments comprise bank balances, trade debtors, trade creditors and accruals. The main purpose of these instruments is to raise funds for the company's operations and to finance the company's operations.

Due to the nature of the financial instruments used by the company, there is no exposure to price risk. The company's approach to managing other risks applicable to the financial instruments concerned is shown below.

In respect of bank balances, the liquidity risk is managed by maintaining a balance between the continuity of funding and flexibility. The company makes use of money market facilities where funds are available.

Trade debtors are managed in respect of credit and cash flow risk by policies concerning the credit offered to customers and the regular monitoring of amounts outstanding for both time and credit limits.

Trade creditors and accruals liquidity risk is managed by ensuring that sufficient funds are available to meet amounts due.

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 then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

DIRECTORS' REPORT - CONTINUED

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)

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In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

DIRECTORS

The directors who held office throughout the year under review were Mrs. M. Richardson, Mr. M. Verity and Mr. G. Verity.

By Order of the Board

M. Richardson Secretary

6th October, 2009

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO

STANHOPE-SETA LIMITED

UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

We have examined the abbreviated accounts which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and related notes, together with the financial statements of Stanhope-Seta Limited for the year ended 31st July, 2009 prepared under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special 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 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 abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 445 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared.

OPINION

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 445(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section.

KENNETH ROBERTS (Senior Statutory Auditor) For and on behalf of SHIPLEYS LLP

Shipho LLP

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor 10 Orange Street Haymarket London WC2H 7DQ

6th October, 2009

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY, 2009

	Notes	2009 £	2008 £
GROSS PROFIT		3,875,052	3,672,942
DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES		(202,912)	(208,810)
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		(3,311,321)	(3,068,357)
OTHER OPERATING INCOME	2	10,236	10,691
OPERATING PROFIT		371,055	406,466
INTEREST RECEIVED		31,654	75,059
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	3	402,709	481,525
TAXATION	5	116,987	(47,710)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		519,696	433,815
DIVIDEND PAID		(473,000)	(133,000)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		46,696	300,815
RETAINED PROFIT BROUGHT FORWARD		3,451,569	3,150,754
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		£3,498,265	£3,451,569

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

There have been no recognised gains or losses, other than the results for the financial year, and all profits or losses have been accounted for on an historical cost basis.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

31ST JULY, 2009

			009	2008	
FIXED ASSETS	Notes	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	6		1,060,595		1,087,528
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks Debtors Bank balances and cash	7 8	2,366,526 1,910,672 2,015,946		2,273,921 1,745,725 2,087,469	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	6,293,144 (2,825,374)		6,107,115 (2,602,974)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u> </u>	3,467,770	<u>``</u> ,	3,504,141
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			4,528,365		4,591,669
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	10		(30,000)		(140,000)
			£4,498,365		£4,451,669
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	11		1,000,100 3,498,265		1,000,100 3,451,569
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	12		£4,498,365		£4,451,669

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to medium-sized companies under section 445(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 6th October, 2009

M. Richardson - Director

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY, 2009

	Natur	2009	2008
Reconciliation of operating profit	Notes	£	£
to net cash inflow from operating activities		371,055	406,466
Depreciation charges		87,775	94,219
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		374	9 4 ,219
Increase in stock		(92,605)	(220,322)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(160,004)	30,436
Increase in creditors		278,858	793,597
Net cash inflow from operating activities		£485,453	£1,104,396
CASH FLOW S	TATEMENT	•	
Net cash inflow from operating activities		485,453	1,104,396
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	13	31,654	75,059
Taxation paid		(54,414)	(7,710)
Dividend paid		(473,000)	(133,000)
Capital expenditure	14	(61,216)	(32,141)
Cash (outflow)/inflow before use of liquid resources		(71,523)	1,006,604
Management of liquid resources	15	1,718,205	(953,313)
Increase in cash		£1,646,682	£53,291
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement			
in net funds	17		
Increase in cash in period		1,646,682	53,291
Cash inflow from increase in liquid resources		(1,718,205)	953,313
(Decrease)/increase in funds in the year		(71,523)	1,006,604
Net funds at 1st August, 2008		2,087,469	1,080,865
Net funds at 31st July, 2009		£2,015,946	£2,087,469
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The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

31ST JULY, 2009

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the following accounting policies:

1.1 Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets

With the exception of freehold land, fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives as follows:-

Freehold buildings

over 50 years

Plant and equipment

15% to 331/3% reducing balance method or over 7 years

Straight-line method

Furniture and fittings

15% reducing balance method

Motor vehicles

25% reducing balance method

1.2 Stocks

Stock and work in progress have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Finished goods stock includes a proportion of factory overhead expenditure.

1.3 Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax arises as a result of including items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the company's accounts. Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences, which result in an obligation to pay more tax at a future date, at the current tax rates and laws. Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

1.4 Research and Development

All research and development expenditure is written off to the profit and loss account as incurred.

1.5 Intangible Assets

Expenditure on patents and trademarks is written off to the profit and loss account as incurred.

1.6 Foreign Currency Conversion

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at rates ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

1.7 Pension Schemes

The company operates funded, money purchase pension schemes. Pension costs are charged to the profit and loss account in the financial period in which they are incurred.

STANHOPE-SETA LIMITED NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED 31ST JULY, 2009

2.	OTHER OPERATING INCOME	2009 £	2008 £
	Discounts received Rent receivable	7,461 2,775	7,916 2,775
		£10,236	£10,691
3.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	£	£
	This is stated after charging/(crediting):-		
	Auditors' remuneration Depreciation - owned assets Bank charges Exchange gains Loss on disposal of fixed assets	13,500 87,775 19,517 (1,506) 374	12,500 94,219 24,889 (14,383)
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4.	STAFF COSTS AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION	£	£
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	2,942,754 331,469 22,565 £3,296,788	2,813,328 322,394 18,229 £3,153,951
	The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was:	Number	Number
	Production, inspection and stores Administration and technical	26 39	25 <u>37</u>
		65 ==	62 —
	Directors' emoluments:	£	£
	Fees and salaries Benefits in kind	1,151,360 5,538	1,151,360 4,476
		£1,156,898	£1,155,836

The highest paid director received £557,360 (2008: £557,339).

During the year three directors were accruing retirement benefits under a money purchase pension scheme (2008: three).

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED

31ST JULY, 2009

5(a).	TAX ON PROFITS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2009 £	2008 £
	Current tax:		
	UK corporation tax on profits of the period	-	(60,000)
	Adjustment in respect of previous periods	6,987	
	Total current tax	6,987	(57,710)
	Deferred tax:		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences (note 10)	110,000	10,000
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	£116,987	£(47,710)
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5(b).	Factors affecting the tax charge for the period		
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax	£402,709	£481,525
			
	Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard		
	rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21% (2008: 20%)	(84,569)	(96,305)
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(542)	(1,339)
	Deductions allowable for tax purposes	89,926	45,805
	Capital allowances for the year in excess of depreciation	(4,682)	(4,638)
	Trading losses brought forward utilised in the year	(133)	2,871
	Deferred tax adjustment	110,000	10,000
	Adjustment to tax charge in respect of provision made	6,987	(4,104)
	Current tax charge for the period (note 5(a))	£116,987	£(47,710)
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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land and	Plant and	Furniture and	Motor	
	_	Equipment	_	Vehicles	Total
~ .	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1st August, 2008	883,917	348,145	315,858	89,057	1,636,977
Additions	-	15,168	764	54,534	70,466
Disposals				(24,800)	(24,800)
At 31st July, 2009	883,917	363,313	316,622	118,791	1,682,643
Depreciation					
At 1st August, 2008	74,738	278,878	161,326	34,507	549,449
Charge for year	9,342	36,059	23,295	19,079	87,775
Eliminated on disposal			-	(15,176)	(15,176)
At 31st July, 2009	84,080	314,937	184,621	38,410	622,048
Net Book Value					
At 31st July, 2009	£799,837	£48,376	£132,001	£80,381	£1,060,595
At 31st July, 2008	£809,179	£69,267	£154,532	£54,550	£1,087,528
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED

31ST JULY, 2009

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS – continued

There were no significant capital commitments at 31st July, 2008 or at 31st July, 2009

		2009	2008
7.	STOCKS	£	£
	The amounts attributable to the different categories are as follows:		
	Raw materials and consumables	1,162,347	1,128,695
	Work in progress	114,433	79,246
	Finished goods	1,089,746	1,065,980
		£2,366,526	£2,273,921
8.	DEBTORS		
	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
	Trade debtors	1,786,940	1,599,357
	Corporation tax recoverable	4,943	•
	Other debtors	74,285	102,156
	Prepayments	44,504	44,212
		£1,910,672	£1,745,725
9.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within		
	one year	£	£
	Trade creditors	866,716	807,700
	Corporation tax	-	56,458
	Taxes and social security costs	58,010	54,658
	Directors' loan account	640,443	339,680
	Other creditors	-	75,776
	Accruals	1,260,205	1,268,702
		£2,825,374	£2,602,974
			

STANHOPE-SETA LIMITED NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED 31ST JULY, 2009

10. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Deferred taxation	Accelerated Capi Allowances	tal	Total
		£		£
	Brought forward at 1st August, 2008	140,000		140,000
	Adjustment in year	(110,000)		(110,000)
	Carried forward at 31st July, 2009	£30,000		£30,000
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11.	SHARE CAPITAL		2009	2008
			£	£
	Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid			
	100 'A' Ordinary shares of £1 each		100	100
	1,000,000 'B' Ordinary shares of £1 each		1,000,000	1,000,000
			£1,000,100	£1,000,100
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12.	SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		£	£
	Equity shares		4,838,265	4,451,569
	Non equity shares		100	100
			£4,838,365	£4,451,669
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Non equity shares consist of 100 'A' ordinary shares of £1 each as detailed in note 11. The shares confer the right on a winding up to the return of the capital paid up in priority to any other class of share.

13.	RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	2009 £	2008 £
	Interest received	31,654	75,059
	Net cash inflow on returns on investments	£31,654 ——	£75,059
14.	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	£	£
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets Receipts from the sale of tangible fixed assets	(70,466) 9,250	(32,141)
	Net cash outflow relating to capital expenditure	£(61,216)	£(32,141)

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED

31ST JULY, 2009

15.	MANAGEMENT OF LIQUID RESOURCES		2009 £	2008 £
	Withdrawn from/(placed on) bank term deposits		1,718,205	(953,313)
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from management of liquid resources		£1,718,205	£(953,313)
16.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		£	£
	Profit for the financial year		46,696	300,815
	Shareholders' funds at 1st August, 2008		4,451,669	4,150,854
	Shareholders' funds at 31st July, 2009		£4,498,365	£4,451,669
17.	ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS A	t 1st August, 2008 £	Cash flow £	At 31st July, 2009 £
	Cash at bank and in hand Bank term deposits	369,264 1,718,205	1,646,682 (<u>1,718,205</u>)	2,015,946
	i	E2,087,469	£(71,523)	£2,015,946

18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company had given guarantees in respect of performance bonds at 31st July, 2008 and at 31st July, 2009. No claim has arisen in respect of these bonds and the amounts involved are not significant in relation to the company's net assets.

19. DIRECTORS' TRANSACTIONS

The following arms-length transactions are included in the accounts:

Aircraft rental of £60,000 (2008: £60,000) payable to Mrs. M. Richardson, a director of the company.