# DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 July 2010

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors present their report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 July 2010

#### Register Number

The registered number for the Company is 394688

#### Business review and principal activities

The Company's principal activity is that of an investment intermediary parent undertaking and received investment income during the period. The Company's subsidiary and associate undertakings are principally engaged in the manufacture of mechanical seals and flexible power transmission couplings. There has been no significant change in this activity during the period.

#### **Results and Appropriations**

The results for the period show a pre-tax profit of £3,080,000 (2009 £2,238,000) for the year. The Company has not paid any dividends during the year (2009 £nil)

#### **Directors**

The Directors during the period were

#### Name

Mr R J Paddison Mr D H Tallentire

#### Auditors and disclosure of information to auditors

Each person who is a Director at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- (a) so far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (that is, information needed by the Company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- (b) the Directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting

By order of the Board

R J PADDISON Director

Date 13 December 2010

#### 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 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 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 AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FLEXIBOX INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Flexibox International Limited for the year ended 31 July 2010 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2 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 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.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Sections 495 and 496 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

#### 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 31 July 2010 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom 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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FLEXIBOX INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (continued)

#### 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

JASKAMAL SARAI (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
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13 December 2010

# PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 July 2010

	<u>Notes</u>	Year ended 31 July 2010 £'000	Penod ended 31 July 2009 £'000
Release of provision for impairment of investments	6	-	453
OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS)		-	453
Income from shares in group undertakings		2,948	1,337
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST AND TAX		2,948	1,790
Other interest receivable and similar income	2	132	448
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	-	3,080	2,238
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	5	79	(246)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	10	3,159	1,992

There is no difference between the results shown for the period and their historical cost equivalent. There were no other recognised gains or losses in the period other than those stated above

The profit for the period arose from continuing activities

# BALANCE SHEET AT 31 July 2010

	<u>Notes</u>	31 July 2010 £'000	31 July 2009 £'000
FIXED ASSETS Investments	6	1,814	1,814
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors – amounts falling due within one year	7	13,008	9,631
Cash at bank and in hand		33	460
CREDITORS		13,041	10,091
Amounts falling due within one year NET CURRENT ASSETS	8	(37) 13,004	<u>(246)</u> 9,845
HET CONNENT ACCETO		13,004	5,045
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	:	14,818	11,659
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital Profit & loss account	9 10	75	75
TOTAL OF TOOS ACCOUNT	10	14,743	11,584
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	10	14,818	11,659

Approved by the Board of Directors on 13 December 2010 signed on its behalf by

R J PADDISON Director

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and all applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom (UK GAAP)

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention (as modified to include revaluation of certain financial instruments)

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates

#### Consolidation

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Smiths Group plc which prepares publicly available consolidated group accounts, the Company has not prepared consolidated accounts as permitted by section 400 of the Companies Act 2006

#### Investments

The Company's investments in shares in group companies are stated at cost less provision for impairment Any impairment is charged to the profit and loss account as it arises

#### Cash

Cash includes cash at bank and in hand and bank overdrafts

#### Financial assets

Financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price when the Company becomes party to contractual obligations. The transaction price used includes transaction costs unless the asset is being fair valued through the profit and loss account.

The classification of financial assets depends on the purpose for which the assets were acquired Management determines the classification of an asset at initial recognition and re-evaluates their designation at each reporting date. Assets are classified as loans and receivables or financial assets where changes in fair value are charged (or credited) to the profit and loss account.

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets where changes in fair value are charged (or credited) to the profit and loss account are subsequently measured at fair value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial' assets at fair value through profit and loss' category are included in the profit and loss account in the period in which they arise

Financial assets are derecognised when the right to receive cash-flows from the assets has expired or has been transferred, and the Company has transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership

#### Financial liabilities

Borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the proceeds, net of related transaction costs. These transaction costs and any discount or premium on issue are subsequently amortised under the effective yield method through the profit and loss account as interest over the life of the loan, and added to the liability disclosed in the balance sheet.

Borrowings are classified due within one year unless the Company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least one year after the balance sheet date

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the exchange rate ruling at the date of transaction and monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are retranslated at the closing exchange rate at the balance sheet date

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions, and from the retranslation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, are recognised in the profit and loss account

#### **Current taxation**

The tax on profit on ordinary activities includes amounts paid or received for Group relief in respect of tax losses claimed and surrendered in the current period. All current tax liabilities have been assumed by Smiths Group plc, the ultimate parent Company.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are the difference between the Company's taxable profits and its results as disclosed in the financial statements, arising from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only when their recovery is considered probable

Deferred tax is not discounted

#### 2. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND OTHER SIMILAR INCOME

	<u>2010</u> £'000	<u>2009</u> £'000
Interest received from parent undertaking	132	399
Interest received from bank		49
	132	448

#### 3. OPERATING PROFIT

Auditors' remuneration for 2010 and 2009 was borne by a fellow subsidiary and has not been recharged

#### 4 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS AND EMPLOYEES

No directors received any emoluments for their services to the Company (2009 nil)

The Company has no employees (2009 nil)

Retirement benefits are accruing to 1 director (2009 1) under a defined benefit scheme During the financial year no directors (2009 nil) exercised options over shares of Smiths Group plc

# 5. TAXATION

	<u>2010</u> £'000	<u>2009</u> £'000
Analysis of tax charge on ordinary activities United Kingdom Current tax Prior period adjustment	37 (116)	246 
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(79)	246
The tax for the period is different from the standard rate of differences are explained below	of corporation tax	ın the UK The
	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3,080	2,238
UK corporation tax at 28% (2009 28%) Effects of	862	627
Income not subject to UK taxation Adjustment to tax in respect of prior period	(825) (116) (79)	(381)
Group relief surrendered (from) fellow subsidiary	, ,	
- current year - prior year	(37) 116	(246)
Group relief payment	(79)	246
Total current tax	(79)	246

## 6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Subsidiary Undertakings	Fixed Asset Investments	Total
	£,000	£'000	£'000
Cost.			
At 1st August 2009 &			
as at 31 July 2010	2,096	886	2,982
Amounts provided			
At 1st August 2009	(1,168)	-	(1,168)
A4 24 July 2040	(1,168)	886	(1,168)
At 31 July 2010			
Net book value:			
At 31 July 2010	928	886	1,814
At 31 July 2009	928	886	1,814
0 . 00., 2000	320	550	1,014

The subsidiary undertakings of Flexibox International Limited at 31 July 2010 were

	Country of Incorporation	% of Equity Shares Held
Flexibox Japan Limited	Japan	100%
John Crane Poland Sp z o o	Poland	100%
John Crane (Thailand) Limited	Thailand	100%
John Crane Flexibox (India) Private Limited	India	100%

The subsidiary undertakings of Flexibox International Limited are principally engaged in the manufacture of mechanical seals and flexible power transmission couplings

The other fixed asset investments held by Flexibox International Limited at 31 July 2010 were

Industria John Crane de Mexico SA	Mexico	10% of equity shares
John Crane (Angola) Prestacao De Servicos Limitada	Angola	10% of equity shares

The value of the investment in John Crane Flexibox (India) Private Ltd has been written down to the sum of the anticipated future cashflows to be received, which amount to £114,000 (2009 £114,000)

## 6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)

An impairment review of the fixed asset investments was undertaken at 31 July 2010. The following provisions are held

1 The provision at 31 July 2010 in respect of the investment in John Crane Flexibox (India) Private Ltd was £1,168,000 (2009 £1,168,000)

In the opinion of the Directors, no other impairment provisions are required

## 7. **DEBTORS**

<u>2010</u> £'000	<u>2009</u> £'000
73	73
12,935	9,558
13,008	9,631
	£'000 73 12,935

In January 2002 a loan of £73,400 was made to an external party to facilitate a capital restructuring of John Crane (Thailand) Limited This loan is secured by an interest in Preference Shares of John Crane (Thailand) Limited

The amounts owed by the parent undertaking are repayable on demand and carry interest at a 12 month Sterling LIBID rate

## 8. CREDITORS

	<u>2010</u> £'000	<u>2009</u> £'000
Amounts falling due within one year	27	246
Amounts owed to ultimate parent undertaking	37	
	37	246

The amounts owed to the ultimate parent undertaking are non-interest bearing and have no fixed term for repayment

#### 9 SHARE CAPITAL

Authorized	<u>2010</u> £'000	<u>2009</u> £'000
Authorised 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
issued and fully paid 75,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	75	75

# 10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

	Share	Profit & Loss	
	Capital	Account	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1st August 2009	75	11,584	11,659
Profit for the period		3,159	3,159
At 31 July 2010	75	14,743	14,818

# 11 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by Paragraph 3(c) of 'FRS 8 Related party disclosures' not to disclose transactions with entities that are part of Smiths Group plc

#### 12. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

For the year ended 31 July 2010, Flexibox International Limited was a wholly owned subsidiary of John Crane Group Limited

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Smiths Group plc, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Smiths Group plc is incorporated in the United Kingdom and is registered in England and Wales.

The annual report and accounts of Smiths Group plc may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Smiths Group plc, Cardinal Place, 80 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 5JL