**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

for the year ended 31 December 2009

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### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**DIRECTORS** 

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C A Gunawardena

A Hillary H R Kefayatı B G M Kılshaw

B Mendler (Chairman)

N J Wilkins N H Wilson C E Briggs

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

N H Wilson

**COMPANY NUMBER** 

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2009

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

### 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 judgments 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,
- 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.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company is principally engaged in the manufacture and distribution of electronic colour sorters and vision systems, and in the manufacture and installation of cleaning and sorting machinery, mainly for the food and agricultural industries

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Key performance indicators (KPIs) are defined in the table below. The KPIs for the company in 2009 are shown in the following table.

	2009	2008
Operating profit	£15,821,878	£8,903,106
Dividend cover	1 4	12
Ordinary shareholders' equity	£21,978,729	£18,424,865

#### **KPI DEFINITIONS**

Dividend cover is calculated as operating profit after tax divided by the current year proposed final dividend

The directors consider that the result for the period and the position at the end of it are satisfactory and they expect the present level of activity to be sustained for the foreseeable future

## DIRECTORS' REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2009

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £11,247,944 (2008 - £5,861,432)

During the year the directors paid a dividend of £7,000,000 in respect of 2008. The directors have recommended a final ordinary dividend of £11,000,000 for the year ended 31 December 2009.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the year were

C D Chaffers

C A Gunawardena

A Hillary

H R Kefayatı

B G M Kilshaw

B Mendler (Chairman)

N J Wilkins

N H Wilson

C E Briggs

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

#### Interest and Foreign exchange rates

The directors monitor the financial risks to the company on an ongoing basis. During the year the credit, interest and foreign exchange rate risks were minimal. Hence, the directors did not feel that it was appropriate to mitigate these risks by purchasing any financial instruments.

#### **Global Economic outlook**

The global economic outlook has also been identified as a potential risk due to the worldwide coverage of the customer base. However the directors are confident that the industry the company operates in, will not be affected greatly

### Credit risk

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to balances owed by other Group undertakings and trade receivables. A substantial part of the trade receivables are generally supported by letters of credit, and as such are not believed to be at risk of default.

#### Price risk

The Company is exposed to price risks as a result of its operations with sales to customers and purchases from suppliers. To manage this risk, the Company enters into a certain number of fixed agreement sales contracts and purchase contracts. The directors review these contracts on a regular basis to ensure the Company is not exposed to excessive price risk. The Company has no exposure to commodity price risk or securities price risk.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The directors remain optimistic about the long term prospects for growth

#### COMPANY'S POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF CREDITORS

It is the company's policy to negotiate payment terms with its suppliers in all sectors and to ensure that they know the terms on which the payments will take place when business is agreed. It is the company's policy to

## DIRECTORS' REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2009

abide by these terms. Trade creditor days of the company for the year ended 31 December 2009 were 27 days (2008 27 days), calculated in accordance with the requirements set down in the Companies Act 2006. This represents the ratio, expressed in days, between the amounts invoiced to the company by its suppliers in the year and the amounts due, at the year end, to trade creditors within one year.

#### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The company is currently involved in the research and development of further ranges of microprocessor-based colour sorting equipment

#### **EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT**

During the year, the policy of providing employees with information about the group has been continued through the newsletter 'Mosaic' Employees have also been encouraged to present their suggestions and views on the group's performance to management Regular staff meetings are held between local management and employees to allow a free flow of information and ideas

#### **DISABLED EMPLOYEES**

The company gives full consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the requirements of the job can be adequately fulfilled by a handicapped or disabled person. Where existing employees become disabled, it is the company's policy wherever practical to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development and promotion to disabled employees where appropriate

#### **PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors
  are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of
  any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to
  establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Bourner Bullock, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf

N H Wilson Director

Date 26/05/10

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BUHLER SORTEX LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Buhler Sortex Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009, set out on pages 6 to 22 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)

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 Auditors' 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

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities, 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.

## 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 December 2009 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 SHAREHOLDERS OF BUHLER SORTEX LIMITED

#### 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

David Wheeler (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

**BOURNER BULLOCK** 

Chartered Accountants

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Date / June 2010

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2009

	Note	2009 £	As restated 2008 £
TURNOVER	1,2	63,405,604	46,057,843
Cost of sales		(40,914,191)	(32,863,678)
GROSS PROFIT		22,491,413	13,194,165
Selling and distribution costs		(4,462,972)	(4,566,608)
Administrative expenses		(1,373,438)	(1,119,197)
Profit/(loss) arising from exchange movements	ì	(833,125)	1,394,746
Total administrative expenses	_	(2,206,563)	275,549
OPERATING PROFIT	3	15,821,878	8,903,106
Interest receivable		126,728	84,254
Interest payable	7	(105,880)	(542,911)
Other finance income/ (expenditure)	8	<u>(54,000)</u>	(24,000)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		15,788,726	8,420,449
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	<u>(4,540,782)</u>	(2,559,017)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	18	11,247,944	5,861,432

All amounts relate to continuing operations

The notes on pages 9 to 22 form part of these financial statements

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES for the year ended 31 December 2009

PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	Note	2009 £ 11,247,944	2008 £ 5,861,432
Actuarial gain/ (loss) related to pension scheme	23	(964,000)	238,000
Deferred tax attributable to actuarial gain	23	269,920	(82,640)
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES RELATING TO THE YEAR		10,553,864	6,016,792

The notes on pages 9 to 22 form part of these financial statements

## BUHLER SORTEX LIMITED Registered number: 434274

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2009

			2009		estated 2008
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	10		13,018,945		13,192,933
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	5,509,358		5,194,320	
Debtors	12	20,330,337		8,012,046	
Cash at bank		9,982,022		10,077,180	
		35,821,717		23,283,546	
CREDITORS, amounts falling due within	13	(17,725,183)		(10,668,654)	
one year	13	(17,723,163)			
NET CURRENT ASSETS			18,096,534		12,614,892
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI	TIES		31,115,479		25,807,825
CREDITORS. amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(5,227,200)		(5,270,400
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
Other provisions	16		(2,986,550)		(1,794,320
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION SCHEME ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			22,901,729		18,743,105
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	23		(923,000)		(318,240
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			21,978,729		18,424,865
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	17		1,250,000		1,250,000
Profit and loss account	18		20,728,729		17,174,865
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	19		21,978,729		18,424,865

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by

B Mendler (Chairman)

Director

Date 2

The notes on pages 9 to 22 form part of these financial statements

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

#### 1.2 CASH FLOW

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cashflow statement contained in FRS1 (Revised) since it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Buhler Holdings A.G. whose accounts include the company and are publicly available

#### 1.3 TURNOVER

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts

### 14 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases.

Buildings - 2.5% straight line

Leasehold Land - equal annual installments over the period of

the lease

Plant & machinery - 8 33% straight line

to

33 33%

Fixtures & fittings - 8 33% straight line

to

Computer equipment - 20% straight line

to

33 33%

Other fixed assets - 20% straight line

to 33 33%

The carrying value of fixed assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable

#### 1.5 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term

#### 16 STOCKS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

#### 1.7 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Research and development expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.8 GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Profit and loss account over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

#### 1.9 DEFERRED TAXATION

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted

### 1.10 FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Profit and loss account

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.11 PENSIONS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year

The company operates a defined benefits pension scheme and the pension charge is based on a full actuarial valuation dated 31 December 2007

Pension costs for the group's defined benefit scheme are recognised as follows

(a) Within operating profit

- The current service cost arising from employee service in the current period,
- The prior year service cost related to employee service in prior periods arising in the current period as a result of improvements to benefits and,
- Gains and losses arising on unanticipated or curtailments where the item that gave rise to the settlement or curtailment is recognised within operating profit

(b) Within interest payable/receivable

- The interest cost on the liabilities, calculated by reference to the scheme liabilities and discount rate at the beginning of the period and allowing for changes during the period, and
- The expected return on assets, calculated by reference to the assets and their long-term expected rate of return at the beginning of the period and allowing for changes during the period
- (c) Within the statement of total recognised gains and losses
- On the scheme assets the difference between the expected and actual return on assets, and
- On the scheme liabilities (i) The differences between The actuarial assumptions and actual experience, and (ii) The effect of changes in actuarial assumptions

Defined contribution pensions

The company also provides pension benefits for employees through a defined contribution scheme operated by an insurance company. Premiums are paid as required by the insurers and charged to the profit and loss account on an accruals basis.

#### 2. TURNOVER

A geographical analysis of turnover is as follows

	2009 £	2008 £
United Kingdom Rest of world	720,276 62,685,328	741,043 45,316,800
	63,405,604	46,057,843

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

3.	OPERATING PROFIT		
	The operating profit is stated after charging		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the company	664,900	733,265
	Operating lease rentals - other operating leases Profit/(loss) arising from exchange movements	119,273 833,125	121,426 (1,394,746)
	Research & development expenditure	4,339,765	3,449,819
4.	AUDITORS' REMUNERATION		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts  Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates in	36,000	33,000
	respect of Taxation and advisory	17,311	26,809
		2009 £	2008 £
	Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates in connection with the company's pension scheme(s) in respect of	5,300	5,000

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

5.	STAFF COSTS		
	Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs (Note 23)	6,544,938 675,418 268,708	6,074,938 625,603 251,940
		7,489,064	6,952,481
	The average monthly number of employees, including the directors	s, during the year was a	s follows
		2009 No.	2008 No
	Factory/warehouse	88	77
	Administration	16	14
	Selling	45	42
	Research & development	44	41
		193	174

### 6. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

	2009 £	2008 £
Emoluments	993,509	967,496
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	70,211	65,987

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 8 directors (2008 - 8) in respect of money purchase pension schemes

The highest paid director received remuneration of £190,207 (2008 - £183,393)

The value of the company's contributions paid to a money purchase pension scheme in respect of the highest paid director amounted to £32,463 (2008 - £29,640)

#### 7 INTEREST PAYABLE

	2009 £	2008 £
On other loans	-	24,000
On loans from group undertakings	-	25,295
Other interest payable	105,880	493,616
	105,880	542,911

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for	the year	ended 3	31 Dece	mber	2009

		OTHER FINANCE INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)	8.
2008 £	2009 £		
213,000 (237,000)	161,000 (215,000)	Expected return on pension scheme assets Interest on pension scheme liabilities	
(24,000)	(54,000)		
		TAXATION	9.
2008 £	2009 £		
		ANALYSIS OF TAX CHARGE IN THE YEAR/PERIOD CURRENT TAX (see note below)	
2,404,503 151,514	4,465,516 (6,005)	UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year/period Adjustments in respect of prior periods	
2,556,017	4,459,511	TOTAL CURRENT TAX	
		DEFERRED TAX	
3,000	46,591 34,680	Origination and reversal of timing differences Effect of increased tax rate on opening liability	
3,000	81,271	TOTAL DEFERRED TAX (see note 15)	
2,559,017	4,540,782	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	

The tax assessed for the year/period is higher than (2008 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (28 50%). The differences are explained below

	2009 £	2008 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	15,788,726	8,420,449
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28 50% (2008 - 28 5%)	4,499,787	2,399,998
EFFECTS OF:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(26,152)	85,191
Capital allowances for year/period in excess of depreciation	77,066	44,465
Other timing differences	130,425	11,399
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(6,005)	151,514
Additional deduction for R&D expenditure	(215,610)	(136,550)
CURRENT TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR/PERIOD (see note above)	4,459,511	2,556,017

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

## 9 TAXATION (continued)

## FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES

Provision has been made for all deferred tax assets in respect of accelerated capital allowances, short term and other timing differences, arising from transactions and events recognised in the financial statements of the current year and previous years

#### 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Furniture, fittings, equipment and vehicles £	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2009 Additions	12,519,423 -	1,133,626 42,219	2,294,950 448,693	15,947,999 490,912
Disposals	-	-	(5,275)	(5,275)
At 31 December 2009	12,519,423	1,175,845	2,738,368	16,433,636
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2009	337,250	937,797	1,480,019 368,154	2,755,066 664,900
Charge for the year On disposals	221,186 -	75,560 -	(5,275)	(5,275)
At 31 December 2009	558,436	1,013,357	1,842,898	3,414,691
NET BOOK VALUE	_			
At 31 December 2009	11,960,987	162,488	895,470 	13,018,945
At 31 December 2008	12,182,173	195,829	814,931	13,192,933

At 31 December 2009, included within the net book value of land and buildings is £6,733,788 (2008 - £6,911,773) relating to freehold land and buildings, £5,227,200 (2008 - £5,270,400) relating to long term leasehold land and buildings and £NIL (2008 - £NIL) relating to short term leasehold land and buildings

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

11.	STOCKS		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Raw materials	2,697,607	2,738,501
	Work in progress	1,338,567	1,258,013
	Finished goods and goods for resale	1,473,184	1,197,806
		5,509,358	5,194,320
	The difference between purchase price or production of material		
12.	DEBTORS		
		2009	2008
		£	£
	Trade debtors	13,836,840	2,437,967
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	5,085,706	4,659,494
	Other debtors	1,120,237	649,364
	Deferred tax asset (see note 15)	15,701	62,292
	Prepayments	271,853	202,929
		20,330,337	8,012,046
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13.	CREDITORS.		
13.	AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	, university to the second of	2000	2009

	2009 £	2008 £
Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Corporation tax Social security and other taxes Other creditors Accruals	3,074,965 1,072,275 3,139,689 243,334 6,515,910 3,679,010	2,416,330 821,911 1,717,563 281,667 2,668,470 2,762,713
	17,725,183	10,668,654

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

14	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR- DEFERRED INCOME		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Deferred income Depreciated during the year	5,270,400 (43,200)	5,313,600 (43,200)
		5,227,200	5,270,400

The Government grant received towards the purchase of leasehold land is treated as deferred income which is credited to the profit and loss account by installments over the 125 year lease period of the land on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy

#### 15. DEFERRED TAX ASSET

	2009 £	2008 £
At beginning of year/period Released during/(charged for) year/period Other movement	62,292 - (46,591)	28,181 (3,000) 37,111
At end of year/period	15,701	62,292
The deferred tax asset is made up as follows		
	2009 £	2008 £
Accelerated capital allowances Other timing differences	44,541 (28,840)	91,132 (28,840)
	15,701	62,292

#### 16. PROVISIONS

	£
At 1 January 2009	1,794,320
Additions	1,192,230
At 31 December 2009	2,986,550
ALST December 2003	

Provisions relate to the cost of specific and general warranty claims over the next 12 months

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

#### 17. SHARE CAPITAL

	2009 £	2008 £
ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND FULLY PAID		
1,250,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,250,000	1,250,000

#### 18. RESERVES

	Profit and loss account £
At 1 January 2009 Profit for the year Dividends Equity capital Pension reserve movement	17,174,865 11,247,944 (7,000,000) (694,080)
At 31 December 2009	20,728,729

The closing balance on the Profit and loss account includes a £309,400 (2008 - £560,700) debit, stated after deferred taxation of £132,600 (2008 - £240,300), in respect of pension scheme liabilities of the company pension scheme

## 19. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2009 £	2008 £
Opening shareholders' funds Profit for the year/period Dividends (Note 20) Other recognised gains and losses during the year/period	18,424,865 11,247,944 (7,000,000) (694,080)	14,908,073 5,861,432 (2,500,000) 155,360
Closing shareholders' funds	21,978,729	18,424,865

### 20. DIVIDENDS

	2009 £	2008 £
Dividends paid on equity capital	7,000,000	2,500,000

The directors have recommended a final ordinary dividend of £11,000,000 for the year ended 31 December 2009

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

#### 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemption within FRS 8 which allows related party transactions not to be disclosed where the company is more than 90% owned and consolidated financial statements are publicly available

There were no material amounts receivable from or payable to related parties at the balance sheet date

## 22. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings, for the current and previous year, for which group accounts are drawn up, and of which the company is a member, is Buhler UK Holdings Limited Copies of Buhler UK Holdings Limited's accounts can be obtained from 20 Atlantis Avenue, London, E16 2BF

The parent undertaking of the largest group undertaking, for the current and previous year, for which group accounts are drawn up, and of which the company is a member, is Buhler Holdings A.G., a company incorporated in Switzerland Copies of Buhler Holdings A.G.'s accounts can be obtained from CH 9240, Uzwil, Switzerland

For the current and previous years, Buhler Holdings AG is the ultimate parent undertaking of Buhler Sortex Limited

For the current and previous year the ultimate controlling party is Mr Urs Buhler

#### 23. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company has two pension schemes -

Norwich Union Personal Pension (NUPP) which is a defined contribution scheme and The Sortex Final Salary Scheme (SFSS) which is a defined benefit scheme based on final pensionable salary As previously reported the SFSS scheme was closed on 30 June 2001 with regard to members' contributions

#### Defined contribution pension scheme

The pension cost, which represents contributions payable by the company to the NUPP, amounted to £268,708 (2008 - £251,940) There are no outstanding contributions as at 31 December 2009

#### Defined benefit pension scheme

The pension cost and provision are assessed in accordance with the advice of a professionally qualified actuary (Alexander Forbes Financial Services Limited) using the project unit credit method. The last valuation being made on the 31st December 2007, and updated to 31 December 2009 by a qualified actuary.

The deficit is being spread over the remaining service life of the employees who were members of the SFSS at the date of closure. The remaining deficit will be eliminated through company contributions to the scheme. Contributions paid during the year amounted to £178,000 (2008 - £144,000). There were no outstanding contributions as at 31 December 2009.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

## 23. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The amounts recognised in the Balance sheet are as follows

	2009 £	2008 £
Present value of funded obligations Fair value of scheme assets	(4,624,000) 3,342,000	(3,367,000) 2,925,000
Deficit in scheme	(1,282,000)	(442,000)
Deficit Related deferred tax asset	(1,282,000) 359,000	(442,000) 123,760
Net liability	(923,000)	(318,240)
The amounts recognised in profit or loss are as follows		
	2009 £	2008 £
Interest on obligation Expected return on scheme assets	(215,000) 161,000	(237,000) 213,000
Total	(54,000)	(24,000)
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as	follows	
	2009 £	2008 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	3,367,000 215,000	4,238,000 237,000
Interest cost Actuarial (Losses)/gains	1,159,000	(793,000)
Benefits paid	(117,000)	(315,000)
Closing defined benefit obligation	4,624,000	3,367,000

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

## 23. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows

	2009 £	2008 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets Expected return Actuarial gains and (losses) Contributions by employer Benefits paid	2,925,000 161,000 195,000 178,000 (117,000)	3,437,000 213,000 (555,000) 144,000 (314,000)
	3,342,000	2,925,000

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the Statement of total recognised gains and losses was £(792,120) (2008 - £(98,040))

The company expects to contribute £190,000 to its Defined benefit pension scheme in 2010

The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows

European equities Bonds Gilts Cash				2009 7.50 % 5.70 % 4 50 % 4.20 %	2008 6 70 % 6 50 % 3 70 % 2 00 %
Principal actuarial assump	otions at the Balai	nce sheet date (e	expressed as we	ighted averages	)
				2009	2008
Discount rate at 31 Decer Future pension increases				5.70 % 3.70 %	6 50 % - %
Amounts for the current a	nd previous four	periods are as fo	llows		
Defined benefit pension s	chemes				
	2009 £	2008 £	2007 £	2006 £	2005 £
Defined benefit obligation Scheme assets	(4,624,000) 3,342,000	(3,367,000) 2,925,000	(4,238,000) 3,437,000	(4,440,000) 3,266,000	(4,149,000) 3,045,000
Deficit	(1,282,000)	(442,000)	(801,000)	(1,174,000)	(1,104,000)
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities Experience	-	(23,000)	(2,000)	(381,000)	-
adjustments on scheme assets	195,000	(555,000)	(89,000)	205,000	23,000

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2009

### 24. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2009 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	2009 £	2008 £
EXPIRY DATE. Within 1 year	24,291	22,176
Between 2 and 5 years	151,419	84,305