Registered number: 547325

ALCOHOLS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

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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

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the group during the year were the distillation of gin and the packing and distribution of solvents and alcohol products

The company is a subsidiary of W H Palmer & Co (Industries) Limited

BUSINESS REVIEW

Group turnover for the year decreased from £18,791,954 in 2008 to £18,656,931. Margins were maintained despite coming under constant threat throughout the year whilst operating costs where possible were controlled. This resulted in a consolidated profit for the year after taxation of £610,734 down from £611,186 in 2008. After taking into account the actuanal loss related to the pension scheme the total recognised gain for the year was £381,734 (2008. £522,186).

During the year the group's Occupational Health and Safety Management System attained full accreditation and alongside the existing Quality Management System and Environmental Management System supports our activities and enhances customer service whilst protecting employees, the public and the environment

Despite the negative outlook for the economy the directors remain optimistic about the group's future

The results for the year and the financial position at the year end were considered satisfactory by the directors

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £610,734 (2008 . £611,186)

Ordinary dividends were paid amounting to £70,000 (2008 £60,000)

PRINCIPAL RISKS

Commercial Risks

The principal risks facing the business include volatile raw material prices and availability, currency exchange rates, competitor activity and legislation. Costs outside our immediate control such as fuel and power can also have a negative effect on the group's performance. The group continues to abide with legislation in all respects. However, the relentless onslaught of bureaucracy and regulation by the authorities appears to be with a total disregard for decent hardworking companies, their directors and managers and the problems they create with what at times appears to be for little purpose other than making life as difficult as possible whilst giving most benefit and protection to society's malingerers and those least deserving

Financial Risks

Maintaining margins whilst containing operating costs are the major risks. Poor returns on pension scheme assets are also a significant risk despite the group suspending accrual of benefit in 2003 and replacing our defined benefit scheme with a defined contribution scheme. New customers are assessed for credit risk and credit limits applied where necessary. Existing customers are reassessed when considered necessary. A meagre return on the group's cash reserves due to low interest rates has resulted in a reduction of income compared to recent years.

All risks are constantly monitored and appropriate action taken when necessary. Selling prices are adjusted where possible to maintain margins, cash flow is monitored daily and professionally qualified staff employed to ensure all new legislation is complied with

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Key performance indicators for the group are turnover, gross margins, operating costs and profitability for each division all of which are regularly reported on and reviewed

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The group will continue to concentrate on further development of its core activities of chemical distribution both in the UK and overseas and gin distillation by expansion resulting from its marketing strategy or acquisition of any business complimentary to its core activities

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year were

A J Wallis R H Ling

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 the group and of the profit or loss of the group 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,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 the group 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 the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

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 and the group'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 and the group's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company and the group's auditors are aware of that information

This report was approved by the board on

19 may 2010

and signed on its behalf

R H Ling/ Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ALCOHOLS LIMITED

We have audited the group and parent company financial statements (the "financial statements") of Alcohols Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009, set out on pages 6 to 25. 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 group's and the parent 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 group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2009 and of the group's 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 ALCOHOLS 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 by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the parent company 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

Stephen Tanner BSc (Econ) FCA (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of FW STEPHENS
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Third Floor
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Date 214 May, 2010

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Note	2009 £	2008 £
1,2	18,656,931	18,791,954
	(14,377,168)	(14,625,170)
	4,279,763	4,166,784
	(2,700,751)	(2,705,903)
	(805,557)	(736,847)
3	773,455	724,034
	15,571	56,419
4	(7,000)	22,000
	782,026	802,453
5	(171,292)	(191,267)
	610,734	611,186
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All amounts relate to continuing operations

The notes on pages 10 to 25 form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		610,734	611,186
Actuarial loss related to pension scheme	19	(254,000)	(72,000)
Deferred tax attributable to actuarial loss	19	25,000	(17,000)
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES RELATING TO THE YEAR		381,734	522,186

The notes on pages 10 to 25 form part of these financial statements

ALCOHOLS LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 547325

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	£	2009 £	£	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS	,,,,,,	_	_		
Intangible fixed assets	6		87,072		106,072
Tangible fixed assets	7		1,105,226		1,153,471
Fixed asset investments	8		126,500		126,500
			1,318,798		1,386,043
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	1,374,058		1,422,101	
Debtors	11	2,925,021		3,050,606	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,347,261		1,657,502	
		6,646,340		6,130,209	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,990,218)		(2,920,066)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			3,656,122		3,210,143
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI	TIES		4,974,920		4,596,186
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
Deferred tax	13		(155,000)		(154,000)
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION SCHEME ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			4,819,920		4,442,186
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	19		(144,000)		(78,000)
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			4,675,920		4,364,186
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	14		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	15		4,674,920		4,363,186
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16		4,675,920		4,364,186

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

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Director

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R H Ling Director

The notes on pages 10 to 25 form part of these financial statements

ALCOHOLS LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 547325

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	£	2009 £	£	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS		_	_	-	_
Intangible fixed assets	6		5		5
Tangible fixed assets	7		1,105,226		1,153,471
Fixed asset investments	8		134,500		134,500
			1,239,731		1,287,976
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	1,328,156		1,378,584	
Debtors	11	2,804,267		2,633,804	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,187,765		1,581,692	
		6,320,188		5,594,080	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,017,546)		(2,593,029)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			3,302,642		3,001,051
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILIT	TIES		4,542,373		4,289,027
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
Deferred tax	13		(155,000)		(154,000)
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION SCHEME ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			4,387,373		4,135,027
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	19		(144,000)		(78,000)
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			4,243,373		4,057,027
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	14		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	15		4,242,373		4,056,027

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A J Wallis

Director

R H Ling Director

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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 group, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1

1.3 BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of Alcohols Limited and Trithin Products Limited The financial statements do not consolidate the accounts of the company's other subsidiary undertakings (as disclosed in Note 8 to these accounts) as they have all remained dormant during the year and any effect on the group accounts would be immaterial

14 TURNOVER

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

1.5 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND AMORTISATION

Acquired goodwill is written off in equal instalments over its estimated useful economic life

1 6 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.

Short term leasehold property

over term lease

Plant & machinery

5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25% per annum

Motor vehicles

20%, 25% and 33 1/3% per annum

Furniture, fittings and equipment -

15%, 20% and 25% per annum

1.7 INVESTMENTS

(i) Subsidiary undertakings

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment

(ii) Other investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

18 OPERATING LEASES

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

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date of the first rent review

1.9 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks

1.10 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 11 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

1.12 PENSIONS

Defined contribution pensions

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees Contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account in the year they are payable

Defined benefit pensions

The operating costs of providing retirement benefits to employees are recognised in the accounting period in which the benefits are earned by the employees and the related finance costs of any other changes in the value of the assets and liabilities are recognised in the accounting period in which they arise in accordance with FRS17

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

2	TURNOVER		
	The whole of the turnover is attributable to the principal activities of	the group	
	A geographical analysis of turnover is as follows		
		2009 £	2008 £
	United Kingdom Rest of world	14,161,503 4,495,428	15,238,344 3,553,610
		18,656,931	18,791,954
3.	OPERATING PROFIT		
	The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting)		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Amortisation - intangible fixed assets Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	19,000	19,000
	- owned by the group	183,295	172,506
	Auditors' remuneration Operating lease rentals	30,200	28,200
	- other operating leases	176,580	173,016
	Difference on foreign exchange	16,720	(307,920)
	Auditors fees for the company were £25,100 (2008 £23,200)		
4.	OTHER FINANCE INCOME		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Expected return on pension scheme assets Interest on pension scheme liabilities	216,000 (223,000)	254,000 (232,000)
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		(7,000)	22,000
			

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

TAXATION		
	2009	2008
	£	£
ANALYSIS OF TAX CHARGE IN THE YEAR		
CURRENT TAX (see note below)		
UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	172,000	183,598
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(1,708)	(331)
TOTAL CURRENT TAX	170,292	183,267
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DEFERRED TAX (see note 13)
Origination and reversal of timing differences
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171,292 191,267

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FACTORS AFFECTING TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR

TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2008 lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (28%) The differences are explained below

	2009 £	2008 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	782,026	802,453
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008 28%)	218,967	224,687
EFFECTS OF:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4,666	4,238
Depreciation for year in excess of capital allowances	4,200	(4,670)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(1,708)	(331)
Pension contributions paid	(47,600)	(28,000)
Pensions Scheme Finance Income	1,960	(6,160)
Chargeable disposals	(4,181)	(3,812)
Other tax adjustments	(6,012)	(2,685)
CURRENT TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR (see note above)	170,292	183,267

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

6. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

GROUP	Goodwill £
COST At 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009	197,905
AMORTISATION At 1 January 2009 Charge for the year	91,833 19,000
At 31 December 2009	110,833
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2009	87,072
At 31 December 2008	106,072
COMPANY COST At 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009	Goodwill £
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2009	5
At 31 December 2008	5

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Furniture, fittings and equipment	Total
GROUP	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At 1 January 2009	161,579	2,330,174	261,393	295,542	3,048,688
Additions	-	40,517	83,866	11,434	135,817
Disposals	•	(27,060)	(59,600)	•	(86,660)
At 31 December 2009	161,579	2,343,631	285,659	306,976	3,097,845
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2009	103,051	1,405,797	128,131	258,238	1,895,217
Charge for the year	5,623	109,449	54,315	13,908	183,295
On disposals	-	(26,685)	(59,208)	<u>-</u>	(85,893)
At 31 December 2009	108,674	1,488,561	123,238	272,146	1,992,619
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2009	52,905 	855,070 	162,421	34,830	1,105,226
At 31 December 2008	58,528	924,377	133,262	37,304	1,153,471
				Furniture,	
	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	fittings and equipment	Total
COMPANY				fittings and	Total £
COMPANY COST	buildings	machinery	vehicles	fittings and equipment	
	buildings	machinery	vehicles	fittings and equipment £	
COST At 1 January 2009 Additions	buildıngs £	machinery £ 2,330,174 40,517	vehicles £ 261,393 83,866	fittings and equipment £	£ 3,046,689 135,817
COST At 1 January 2009	buildıngs £	machinery £ 2,330,174	vehicles £ 261,393	fittings and equipment £	£ 3,046,689
COST At 1 January 2009 Additions	buildıngs £	machinery £ 2,330,174 40,517	vehicles £ 261,393 83,866	fittings and equipment £	£ 3,046,689 135,817
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At 1 January 2009 Additions Disposals At 31 December 2009 DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2009 Charge for the year On disposals At 31 December 2009 NET BOOK VALUE	161,579	2,330,174 40,517 (27,060) 2,343,631 1,405,797 109,449 (26,685) 1,488,561	261,393 83,866 (59,600) 285,659 128,131 54,315 (59,208)	fittings and equipment £ 293,543 11,434 - 304,977 256,239 13,908 - 270,147	3,046,689 135,817 (86,660) 3,095,846 1,893,218 183,295 (85,893) 1,990,620

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

GROUP COST OR VALUATION	Shares in group undertakings £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
At 1 January 2009 Additions	125,500 -	63,669 4,725	189,169 4,725
At 31 December 2009	125,500	68,394	193,894
IMPAIRMENT			
At 1 January 2009	5,000	57,669	62,669
Charge for the year	-	4,725	4,725
At 31 December 2009	5,000	62,394	67,394
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2009	120,500	6,000	126,500
At 31 December 2008	120,500	6,000	126,500

SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the group

Name	Class of shares	Holding
Alcohols (North West) Limited	Ordinary	100%
Lang-Met Distillers Limited	Ordinary	100%
Langley Distillery Limited	Ordinary	100%

The aggregate of the share capital and reserves as at 31 December 2009 and of the profit or loss for the year ended on that date for the subsidiary undertakings were as follows

	Aggregate of share capital	
Name	and reserves	Profit/(loss)
	£	£
Alcohols (North West) Limited	92,011	-
Lang-Met Distillers Limited	28,500	-
Langley Distillery Limited	-	-

The subsidiary companies listed above have remained dormant and their results have accordingly not been included within the group financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

8 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)

COMPANY	Shares in group undertakings £	Unlisted investments	Total £
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1 January 2009 Additions	133,500	63,669 4,725	197,169 4,725
At 31 December 2009	133,500	68,394	201,894
IMPAIRMENT			
At 1 January 2009	5,000	57,669	62,669
Charge for the year	<u> </u>	4,725	4,725
At 31 December 2009	5,000	62,394	67,394
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2009	128,500	6,000	134,500
At 31 December 2008	128,500	6,000	134,500

The dormant subsidiary undertakings included within the company balance sheet are detailed in Note 8 on page 16

Details of the company's other principal subsidiary undertaking is disclosed in note 9

9. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

Company name Country Shareholding Description
Trithin Products Limited England & Wales 100 00 Ordinary

The principal activity of Trithin Products Limited is the export of chemical products

10. STOCKS

GROUP			COMPANY	
2009 £	2008 £	2009 £	200 8 £	
1,374,058	1,422,101	1,328,156	1,378,584	
	£	2009 2008 £ £	2009 2008 2009 £ £ £	

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11	DEBTORS		GROUP		COMPANY
		2009	2008	2009	2008
		3	£	£	£
	Trade debtors	2,739,315	2,858,430	2,621,610	2,455,756
	Other debtors	2,585	17,128	-	3,000
	Prepayments and accrued income	183,121	175,048	182,657	175,048
		2,925,021	3,050,606	2,804,267	2,633,804
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE	YEAR			
			GROUP		COMPANY
		2009	2008	2009	2008
		£	£	£	£
	Trade creditors	1,824,289	1,601,942	1,702,495	1,474,634
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	202,908	238,615	584,733	274 ,639
	Corporation tax	171,989	183,587	78,489	80,489
	Social security and other taxes Accruals and deferred income	272,889 518,143	350,568 545,354	272,889 378,940	350,568 412,699
		2,990,218	2,920,066	3,017,546	2,593,029
13	DEFERRED TAXATION				
			GROUP		COMPANY
		2009	2008	2009	2008
		£	£	£	£
	At beginning of year	154,000	146,000	154,000	146,000
	Charge for the year	1,000	8,000	1,000	8,000
	At end of year	155,000	154,000	155,000	154,000
	The provision for deferred taxation is mad	le up as follows			
			GROUP		COMPANY
		2009 £	2008 £	2009 £	200 8
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155,000

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Accelerated capital allowances

154,000

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14.	SHARE CAPITAL		
		2009	2008
		£	£
	ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND FULLY PAID		
	1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
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15.	RESERVES		
			Profit and
			loss account
	GROUP		£
	At 1 January 2009		4,363,186
	Profit for the year		610,734
	Dividends Equity capital		(70,000)
	Pension reserve movement		(229,000)
	At 31 December 2009		4,674,920
			Profit and
	COMPANY		loss account £
	COMPANY		_
	At 1 January 2009		4,056,027 485,346
	Profit for the year Dividends Equity capital		485,346 (70,000)
	Pension reserve movement		(229,000
	At 31 December 2009		4,242,373

The closing balance on the Profit and loss account includes a £144,000 (2008 £78,000) debit, stated after deferred taxation of £56,000 (2008 £31,000), in respect of pension scheme liabilities of the Group and Company pension scheme

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16 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

2009 £	2008 £
4,364,186 610,734 (70,000) (229,000)	3,902,000 611,186 (60,000) (89,000)
4,675,920	4,364,186
2009	2008
£	£
4,057,027	3,762,381
	443,646
• • •	(60,000)
(229,000)	(89,000)
4,243,373	4,057,027
	£ 4,364,186 610,734 (70,000) (229,000) 4,675,920 2009 £ 4,057,027 485,346 (70,000) (229,000)

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Profit and loss account

The profit for the year dealt with in the accounts of the company was £485,346 (2008 £443,646)

17. DIVIDENDS

	2009	2008
	£	£
Dividends paid on equity capital of £70 (2008 £60) per share	70,000	60,000

18. DEFINED CONTRIBTUION PENSION COSTS

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in employee owned independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £47,937 (2008 £46,480).

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19. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION COSTS

The group operates a defined benefit pension schem. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group, being invested with life assurance companies

The pension costs charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £NIL (2008 £NIL)

The amounts for the year ended 31 December 2009, relating to pensions, are based on a full actuanal valuation and updated by the scheme actuary to 31 December 2009 for the purposes of FRS 17 The latest full actuanal valuation was completed as at 1 June 2008 and showed a past service surplus of £86.000

As accrual of benefit for future services was suspended from 1 September 2003 to protect benefit earned by scheme members up to that date the actuary has advised there is no further contribution rate. However, since the last valuation date the value of the scheme's assets has considerably reduced in line with the stock market. Consequently the company has agreed with the scheme's trustees to make contributions at a minimum rate of £60,000 per annum, to include the cost of Death in Service premiums, with effect from 1 January 2009.

The overall expected return on assets is calculated as the weighted average of the expected returns on each individual asset class. The expected return on equities is the sum of inflation, the dividend yield, economic growth and investment expenses. The return on gilts and bonds is the current market yield on long term gilts and bonds. The expected return on property has been set equal to the expected return on equities less an allowance for liquidity. The expected return on other assets is broadly the current interest rate set by the Bank of England.

THE AMOUNTS RECOGNISED IN THE BALANCE SHEET ARE AS FOLLOWS

	2009 £	2008 £
Present value of funded obligations Fair value of scheme assets	(4,217,000) 4,017,000	(3,527,000) 3,418,000
Deficit in scheme	(200,000)	(109,000)
Deficit Related deferred tax asset	(200,000) 56,000	(109,000) 31,000
Net liability	(144,000)	(78,000)

THE AMOUNTS RECOGNISED IN THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT ARE AS FOLLOWS

	2009 £	2008 £
Interest on obligation Expected return on scheme assets	(223,000) 216,000	(232,000) 254,000
Total	(7,000)	22,000
Actual return on scheme assets	522,000 	(516,000)

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19. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION COSTS (continued)

CHANGES IN THE PRESENT VALUE OF DEFINED BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS

	2009 £	2008 £
Opening defined benefit obligation Interest cost Actuanal (Losses)/gains Benefits paid	3,527,000 223,000 560,000 (93,000)	4,078,000 232,000 (698,000) (85,000)
Closing defined benefit obligation	4,217,000	3,527,000
CHANGES IN THE FAIR VALUE OF SCHEME ASSETS ARE AS FO	LLOWS.	
	2009 £	2008 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets Expected return Actuarial gains and (losses) Contributions by employer Benefits paid	3,418,000 216,000 306,000 170,000 (93,000)	3,919,000 254,000 (770,000) 100,000 (85,000)
	4,017,000	3,418,000

The cumulative amount of actuanal gains and losses recognised in the Statement of total recognised gains and losses was £(423,000) (2008 £(169,000))

The group expects to contribute £100,000 to the scheme in 2010

THE MAJOR CATEGORIES OF SCHEME ASSETS AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SCHEME ASSETS ARE AS FOLLOWS

	2009	2008
European equities	33.00 %	<i>53 00 %</i>
European bonds	38.00 %	34 00 %
Other	29.00 %	13 00 %

PRINCIPAL ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AT THE BALANCE SHEET DATE (EXPRESSED AS WEIGHTED AVERAGE) ARE AS FOLLOWS

	2009	2008
Discount rate at 31 December	5.60 %	6 40 %
Expected return on scheme assets at 31 December	6.46 %	6 26 %
Future salary increases	3.00 %	3 00 %
Future pension increases	3.65 %	2 75 %
Price inflation	3.70 %	2 75 %

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19. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION COSTS (continued)

AMOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT AND PREVIOUS FOUR PERIODS ARE AS FOLLOWS

Defined benefit pension schemes

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	£	£	£	£	£
Defined benefit obligation Scheme assets	(4,217,000) 4,017,000	(3,527,000) 3,418,000	(4,078,000) 3,919,000	(4,135,000) 3,717,000	(4,417,000) 3,494,000
Deficit	(200,000)	(109,000)	(159,000)	(418,000)	(923,000)
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities Experience	82,000	(71,000)	-	(59,000)	(224,000)
adjustments on scheme assets	306,000	(770,000)	(36,000)	443,000	345,000

20. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

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

	Land	Land and buildings	
	2009	2008	
GROUP	£	£	
EXPIRY DATE:			
Between 2 and 5 years	93,596	93,596	
After more than 5 years	72,700	72,700	
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24	STAFF	COCT	
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Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows

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	2009	2008
	£	£
Wages and salanes	1,171,611	1,158,040
Social security costs	135,585	131,322
Other pension costs (Note 19)	49,495	48,097
	4 250 004	4 227 450
	1,356,691	1,337,459

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows

	2009 No.	2008 No
Administration and management Operational, selling and distribution	8 32	7 32
	40	39

22 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION		
	2009	2008
	£	£
Emoluments	239,941 	229,171
Group pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes	18,487	17,949

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 2 directors (2008 2) in respect of money purchase pension schemes

The highest paid director received emoluments of £128,139 (2008 £122,156) per annum

The value of the group's contributions paid to a money purchase pension scheme in respect of the highest paid director amounted to £9,775 (2008: £9,491)

The accrued entitlement under defined benefit pension schemes in respect of the highest paid director amounted to £43,493 (2008 £42,541) per annum

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23. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate parent company is W H Palmer & Co (Industries) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

W H Palmer & Co (Industnes) Limited prepares group financial statements and copies can be obtained from Charmgtons House, The Causeway, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, CM23 2ER