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INSPECTORATE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022





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COMPANY INFORMATION

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D Lappage

F Diethelm (appointed 10 March 2023)

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STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The directors present their strategic report on the company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Principal activities

The company operates in the UK as well as through branches outside of Europe, including branches in Dubai/Fujairah in UAE, Kuwait and Bangladesh. The principal activities of the company are inspection and testing services over a range of commodities as follows:

Metals and minerals - Sampling, quality and quantity control of bulk materials and assaying of precious metals and base metals.

Oil and petrochemicals - Quality and quantity control of crude oil and related products.

Business review

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation of £10,721k has decreased from the prior year profit of £32,690k driven by the profit on disposal of operations of £29,255k in 2021. There has been a decrease in turnover from the prior year, due to the disposal in 2021. The average number of Employees has also decreased following transfer to Bureau Veritas Commodities UK Limited.

The current assets as a percentage of current liabilities has increased to 220% (281% in 2021).

Key performance indicators ("KPI's")

The company's key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000	Change %
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Turnover	39,833	54,226	(27%)
Operating profit	3,027	1,683	79%
Profit before tax	10,722	32,690	(67%)
Net assets	51,806	72,597	(28%)
Current assets as percentage of current liabilities	220%	281%	(62%)
Average number of employees*	331	407	(19%)

^{*}average headcount is not in £'000's

Future developments

Whilst the current economic climate can be described as challenging, the directors consider that the company is well placed to perform satisfactorily in the future. Following the transfer of the UK delivered services in 2021 the company remains focused on its international business.

No other significant change in the business activity is expected.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Principal risks and uncertainties include:

- commodity prices, in particular gold, silver and copper, where a fall in the commodity price can affect demand for the company's services; and
- foreign exchange fluctuations, where movements in exchange rates between various currencies and sterling can lead to a significant impact on company's result.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Financial risk management

Financial risk management, including the use of financial instruments and the related currency, liquidity, credit and interest rate risks, is not carried out by the company, but is managed on a group-wide basis by other group companies.

The company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that includes currency, liquidity, credit and interest rate risks.

Currency risk

The company operates internationally, giving rise to exposures to changes in foreign exchange rates between a number of currencies, particularly to changes between sterling and the US dollar. The company does not take out hedging instruments to mitigate the risk. All strategies to manage currency are managed at a group level.

All treasury functions are dealt with by other group companies.

Liquidity risk

The company retains cash and borrowing facilities to ensure it has sufficient funds for operations.

Credit risk

The company has policies in place to perform credit checks on potential customers before sales commence and cash is only held with institutions of specified credit ratings.

Interest rate risk

The company has interest bearing borrowings from group companies. As the borrowings are from other group companies, the directors do not feel it is necessary to use hedging instruments to mitigate the risk of changes in interest rates

These factors could impact customer demand, our relationship with our customers and suppliers and our business and financial statements.

On review of the risks the directors do not believe it will have a short-term impact on the company's operations and financial performance, depending on the outcome of the negotiation, it might have a long-term impact to the company. The company is considering arrangements that could be put in place to mitigate any adverse impacts.

Risks and opportunities looking ahead

Up to October 2021 the Company provided services to the Commodities industry liaising with and supporting Group affiliates also having ownership and management of the UK inspection and testing laboratory testing business.

A strategic decision was taken to separate the UK based services with its technical and administrative resources from the international liaison and support services to Group Affiliates by acting as a central coordination base for certain business and Customers. This change was effective from 1 October 2021 with the UK business carved out under Bureau Veritas Commodities UK Limited, a separate wholly owned Group affiliate.

This restructuring is proving to be beneficial allowing a clear focus to be effective separating the UK based requirements from those of the global market. The Company and its key client centricity has enabled continued growth in these global accounts. It is envisaged this growth will continue as global opportunities will increase especially in line with the increasing demand for metals associated with the new generation energy sources.

Subsequent to this move in May 2022, all employees remaining with the Company were transferred to Bureau Veritas Commodity Services Limited, the Company shareholder and operating affiliate responsible for global growth and governance. This move served to consolidate activities and resources focused on the global

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

business providing marketing and sales support and technical governance as well continuing with the operational administration and customer liaison support with international customers. This latter support continued to be offered by and under the name of the Company through a resource outsource arrangement with its parent company. This is a balanced way to manage risks as well as opportunities associated with any political and economic uncertainty in UK seen due to the trading environment for our current and developing global client base.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

S172 Statement 2022

The Directors recognise their responsibility to act in a way which promotes the success of the company for all stakeholders, in line with Section 172(1) of the Company Act 2006, and as such, has evaluated its key stakeholders and how we have engaged with them during the year.

Stakeholder Group	Why we engage	How we engage
Employees	The success of the company relies upon our employees being committed to our strategy, ethics and core values. We are committed to being a responsible business and our values of 'Open and Inclusive', 'Trusted', 'Responsible' and 'Ambitious and Humble' are embedded into our ways of working, as well as our performance management processes. Providing such an environment for all of our people is a long-term commitment and it is important for retention and business success. We engage regularly with our employees to ensure we create a safe environment. As a professional services provider, we strive to attract, engage, develop and retain highly skilled professionals across a wide range of specialities, both technical and non-technical. Building solid and long-standing relationships with our clients is fundamental to the success of our company. We pride ourselves on providing excellent client service and evolving service products that	We hold regular communications meetings in order to share performance, strategy and to actively seek feedback. We run annual employee engagement surveys 'BVocal', a group driven initiative, to enable all employees to share their views on working at Bureau Veritas and provide free text comments and suggestions. We implement action plans as a result of this feedback, and this determines our focus areas during the next financial year. We have implemented improved recognition platforms to recognise and celebrate service anniversaries and encourage peer to peer recognition. We also continue to support employee wellbeing topics with a range of benefits from access to virtual GPs and employee assistance programs. We have provided training on mental wellbeing and resilience and continue to invest in mental health first aid practitioners. Our commercial team have regular communication with our clients to ensure we are meeting their requirements and working collaboratively for future developments. Client visits and on-site audits and feedback surveys
	meet all client requirements across a wide range of Test, Inspection and Certification needs, with a strong focus on health, safety, sustainability and the environment.	are regular occurrences both as part of the service we provide and also to review performance, future enhancements and other services that would be of benefit to our clients. We review our performance from client surveys with over 1000 surveys completed in 2022 as part of our Net Promotor Score (NPS). These surveys and NPS enable us to demonstrate where we do well and where we need to continue to improve to be a leader in our sector.
Suppliers	In order to be flexible and adaptable to our client's needs, we retain a large and versatile supply base to ensure we maintain the flexibility to provide a wide range of specialist capabilities as required by our clients.	In addition to annual reviews (which includes confirmation of key compliance matters including Code of Ethics, insurance, amongst others) of our suppliers by our supply chain team, our operational teams also have regular interaction with suppliers. Regular sessions are also commonplace to review performance and service delivery. We work collaboratively and set reasonable expectations in open and honest working relationships. We also enable the payment of our suppliers to the agreed terms.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Stakeholder Group	Why we engage	How we engage
Community	We care about our community and are passionate about creating a better world as part of our corporate values and our strategic goals.	We are actively involved in initiatives throughout the UK to help the community, in alignment with our chosen United Nations Sustainable Development goals.
		We launched our UK Employee volunteering programme in March 2022, and in that year, one in four employees took part.
		We hosted 21 'lunchtime volunteering' events, 15 team volunteer days, and altogether UK employees gave 700 hours. We helped run a community festival in London, gave 66 hours to a homelessness centre in Manchester, and recruited mentors and tutors for disadvantaged children all around the UK. Celebrating & acknowledging diversity and inclusion within the communities we work in include International Women's Day, Woman in Engineering Day, PRIDE, Black Lives Matters, Menopause Awareness to name a few.
Environment	We are aware of our responsibilities to the environment and the impact it has on the wider world. Given the industry we operate in and the services we offer to our clients to monitor and improve their environmental and sustainability performance, we believe we have a moral obligation to reduce our own environmental impact and always apply more environmentally friendly practices where practicable.	Social and environmental responsibility is one of our core Values alongside Integrity and Ethics, Impartiality, and Respect for all individuals. This is also an area of strategic focus in the services we offer to clients. As a professional services company our carbon footprint mainly arises from business travel. As such a key focus for us is therefore to minimise and optimise travel to reduce the associated environmental impact. We saw a reduction again in our mileage during the year whilst growing the business and also offer electric vehicles to all eligible employees. The further development of remote inspection and auditing techniques will continue to reduce our environmental impact. We accelerated our carbon offsetting activities during 2022 and this meant that we achieved a Net Zero impact — 9 years ahead of our 2030 objective.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Stakeholder Group	Why we engage	How we engage
Shareholders	Whilst we run autonomously, the support from our shareholder is essential in ensuring we hit our long-term growth objectives. We create value for our shareholder by generating strong results that we can translate into dividends whilst strengthening the balance sheet.	We maintain open dialogue with our shareholders throughout the year via our Group organisation, both on an ad-hoc basis and via regular formal operating reviews. We ensure our communication is consistent, regular and clear. Areas of focus for the shareholder include revenue growth, working capital management and service development.

This report was approved by the board on the 28th February 2024 and signed on its behalf.

D Lappage Director

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Future developments

An indication of the likely future developments of the business is included in the Strategic Report on page 2.

Post balance sheet events

There were no post balance sheet events.

Dividends

The Company paid a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2022 of £35m on 12 December 2022 (2021: £6m).

Financial risk management

Financial risk management is described in the Strategic Report on page 3.

Directors

The directors of the company who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

D Lappage

F Diethelm (appointed 10 March 2023)

Directors' indemnities

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the Directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. This is purchased by Bureau Veritas SA on behalf of the Directors. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force.

Policy and practice on payment of creditors

The company does not follow any particular code or standard on payment practice, although the company endeavours to agree terms of payment with individual suppliers and to abide by those terms of payment.

Employment of disabled persons

It is the policy of the Company to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment received from disabled persons. Within the limitations of their abilities, they are given the same opportunities for training, career development and promotion as are available to other employees and if necessary, retraining is given to an employee who becomes disabled whilst in the Company's employment.

Employee involvement and health and safety at work

The directors believe in keeping employees informed on matters relevant to the business and a regular newsletter is circulated by the Bureau Veritas SA group (the company's parent undertaking). The company encourages the involvement of employees in the company's performance with regular management briefings and full year performance being fed back though the Bureau Veritas newsletter. It is the company's policy to consult employees regularly on the matters that concern them. The policy of the Company is to ensure, as far as it is able to do so, the health, safety and welfare of everyone engaged in or affected by its business. The Company endorses the active application of equal opportunities policies and programmes to provide fair and equitable conditions for employees regardless of sex, family status, religion, creed, colour, ethnic origin, age or disability.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

UK Greenhouse gas emissions and energy use data for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.	2022	2021
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	-	6,666,431
Scope 1 emissions in kg CO2e		
Fuel	-	267,600
ODS (fugitive emissions)	-	29,631
Company car	-	74,266
Scope 2 emissions in kg CO2e		
Electricity purchased – Market based	-	373,694
Electricity purchased - Location based		-
Scope 3 emissions in kg CO2e		
Business travel (excluding company car)	-	49,249
Water	-	593
Paper	·	3,582
Waste		121,086
Total amount of CO2 offsets purchased – Shell Carbon Offset	-	
Total net emissions in kg CO2e		919,701

Quantification and reporting methodology

We have followed the GHG Reporting Protocol – Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard published by the World Resources Institute in March 2004 as part of a co-ordinated approach across the Bureau Veritas Group in the calculation methodology. Unit conversion is based on conversion factors published by the UK government Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Inspectorate International Limited have considered all of the energy from gas, electricity and transport fuel in the UK that they are responsible for and as a result have consumed 0kWh which sits below the reporting threshold, therefore qualifying as a low energy user and is exempt from reporting under these regulations.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom 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 Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"). 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 in accordance with Section 10 of FRS 102 and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in FRS 102 is insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the company financial position and financial performance;
- in respect of the financial statements, state whether UK-adopted international accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements:
- in respect of the parent company financial statements, state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping 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 company 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.

Under applicable law and regulations, the directors are also responsible for preparing a strategic report, directors' report, that comply with that law and those regulations. The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website.

Going concern

The company has net current assets of £43,122k (2021: £65,159k) at the balance sheet date.

The directors have considered the future results for a period from when the financial statements are authorised for issue to the end of 28 February 2025 and expect the company to be profitable and cash generative under their best estimate of future performance and a reasonable downturn in trading results.

The company participates in a cash pooling arrangement with other group companies and does not maintain a significant cash balance, consequently it is dependent upon access to the pooled funds to manage its working capital.

The directors of Bureau Veritas SA, the ultimate parent undertaking, have confirmed that they will provide financial support to enable the company to meet its financial liabilities as they fall due for the period to 28 February 2025. On this basis, the directors have formed a judgement that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

In the case of each of the persons who are directors at the time when the report is approved under section 418 of the Companies Act 2006 the following applies:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Independent auditor

Ernst & Young LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed.

This report was approved by the board on 28th February 2024 and signed on its behalf.

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D Lappage Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Inspectorate International Limited for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 25, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its profit for the year then
 ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period from when the financial statements are authorised for issue to the end of 28 February 2025.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement as set out on page 10, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework (FRS 102 and Companies Act 2006) and the relevant direct and indirect tax compliance regulations in the United Kingdom. In addition, the Company has to comply with laws and regulations relating to its operations, including Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, The UK Bribery Act, Money Laundering Regulations 2021, General Data Protection Regulations.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

- We understood how Inspectorate International Limited is complying with those frameworks by making
 enquiries with management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures to understand how
 the Company maintains and communicates its policies and procedures in these areas. We corroborated
 our enquiries by reviewing supporting documents, including board meeting minutes
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including
 how fraud might occur by meeting with management to understand where they considered there was
 susceptibility to fraud. We considered the risk of management override and assumed revenue to be a fraud
 risk, specifically as a result of manual journals posted at the year end. We incorporated data analytics into
 our audit approach to assist in our targeted review of manual journals, including segregation of duties, and
 our testing of revenue recognition. We tested specific transactions back to source documentation.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved testing journal entries identified by specific risk criteria which could indicate any non-compliance.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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 auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Anne Schmitt (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor Manchester

28 February 2024

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £000	2021 Continuing L Operation £000	2021 Discontinued Operation £000	2021 Total £000
Turnover	3	39,833	39,430	14,796	54,226
Cost of sales		(29,453)	(25,510)	(5,928)	(31,438)
Gross profit	-	10,380	13,920	8,868	22,788
Administrative expenses		(7,353)	(17,269)	(3,836)	(21,105)
Operating profit/(loss)	-	3,027	(3,349)	5,032	1,683
Profit on disposal of operations		-	-	29,255	29,255
Income from shares in group undertakings		6,189	1,563	-	1,563
Interest receivable and similar income	7	2,000	325	-	325
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(494)	(136)	-	(136)
Profit/(loss) before tax	6	10,722	(1,597)	34,287	32,690
Tax (charge)/credit	9	(458)	913	(1,372)	(459)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	=	10,264	(684)	32,915	32,231
Other comprehensive income for the year					
Foreign exchange movement on retranslatio of overseas branches	n	4,082	281	-	281
Other comprehensive expense for the year	-	4,082	281		281
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the					
year	=	14,346	(403)	32,915	32,512

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

					
•	•• •		2022		2021
Fixed Assets	Note		£'000		£'000
Intangible Assets	10		_		_
Tangible assets	11		4,492		3,511
Investments	12		5,892		5,892
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Current assets			.0,00		5, 100
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	13	77,475		100,490	
Stock	14	449		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,246		525	
		79,170		101,015	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15:	(36,048)		(35,856)	
Net current assets			43,122		65,159
Total assets less current liabilities		_	53,506	-	74,562
Provisions for liabilities					
Other provisions	16	(1,700)		(1,965)	
		-	(1,700)	-	(1,965)
Net assets		=	51,806	-	72,597
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	19		34,590		34,590
Capital contribution reserve	19		52		52
Other reserves	19		(804)		(667)
Profit and loss account	19		17,968		38,622
			51,806		72,597
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 28th February 2024

D Lappage Director

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Called up share capital	Capital contribution reserve	Other reserves	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2021	<u>34,590</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>(412)</u>	<u>12,110</u>	<u>46,340</u>
Comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year Foreign exchange loss on	•	-	•	32,231	32,231
retranslation of overseas oranches	-	-	•	281	281
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	=,	-	32,512	32,512
Dividends	. •	-	-	(6,000)	(6,000)
Share based payment in the year	-	-	(255)	-	(255)
At 1 January 2022	<u>34,590</u>	<u>52</u>	(667)	<u>38,622</u>	<u>72,597</u>
Comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year Foreign exchange loss on	•	-	•	10,264	10,263
retranslation of overseas pranches	-	-	-	4,082	4,083
Total comprehensive income for the year	•	-	- .	14,346	14,346
Dividends	•	-	•	(35,000)	(35,000)
Share based payment in the year	•	-	(137)	-	(137)
At 31 December 2022	<u>34,590</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>(804)</u>	17,968	<u>51,806</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. General information

Inspectorate International Limited ("the Company") is a private limited company domiciled and incorporated in England.

The address of the Company's registered office is Suite 1, Park House, Earls Colne Business Park, Earls Colne, Essex. CO6 2NS and the principal place is also now the registered office.

The Company's principal activities and the nature of its operations are described in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies. In accordance with FRS 102, the Company has taken advantage of the exemptions from the following disclosure requirements:

- Section 7 'Statement of Cash Flows' and Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation Paragraph 3.17(d);
- Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' & Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues' The requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b), 11.48(c), 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- Section 26 'Share based Payment' The requirements of paragraphs 26.18(b), 29.19 to 26.21 and 26.23; and
- Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures' paragraph 33.7.

Consolidated group financial statements have not been prepared as the Company is a subsidiary of an undertaking established in the EU and is included in the consolidated financial statements of the company's parent, namely Bureau Veritas SA, a company incorporated in France. Its group financial statements are available from the company's registered office, at 40/52 Boulevard du Parc, 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

Monetary amounts in these Financial Statements are rounded to the nearest £'000 unless otherwise stated.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Going Concern

The company has net current assets of £43,122k (2021: £65,159k) at the balance sheet date.

The directors have considered the future results for a period from when the financial statements are authorised for issue to the end of 28 February 2025 and expect the company to be profitable and cash generative under their best estimate of future performance and a reasonable downturn in trading results.

The company participates in a cash pooling arrangement with other group companies and does not maintain a significant cash balance, consequently it is dependent upon access to the pooled funds to manage its working capital.

The directors of Bureau Veritas SA, the ultimate parent undertaking, have confirmed that they will provide financial support to enable the company to meet its financial liabilities as they fall due for the period to 28 February 2025. On this basis, the directors have formed a judgement that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

2.3 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property -2%

Plant, equipment and motor -10% to 33%

vehicles

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Valuation of investments

Investments are valued at cost, except where the directors consider that there has been an impairment in value. Provision is made against the cost of an investment to reduce its value where an impairment is considered to have occurred.

2.6 Intangible assets

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of cost of acquisition over the fair value of the separable net assets of businesses acquired. Goodwill is amortised through the income statement in equal instalments over its useful economic life, which has been determined to be 20 years. The Company evaluates the carrying value of goodwill in each financial year to determine if there has been an impairment in value, which would result in the inability to recover the carrying amount. When it is determined that the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the excess is written off to the income statement.

2.7 Operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged to the Income Statement on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.8 Turnover

Turnover, which excludes value added tax, represents the value of services supplied. Turnover arising from inspections and analyses is recognised when the inspection and/or analysis is complete.

2.9 Cost of sales

Cost of sales represents amounts paid for salaries, direct costs of running the laboratories, and amounts due to external third parties for inspection services directly related to turnover.

2.10 Provisions

Provisions are made when a present obligation as a result of a past event exists and where the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated. Where liabilities are expected to be discharged over a number of years, the provisions are discounted using an appropriate risk free rate. In the case of claims against the Company, provisions are made on a case by case basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting convention (continued)

2.11 Taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Balance sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances has been met

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

2.12 Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is GBP.

Transactions and balances

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded in the local currency at actual exchange rates as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling at the reporting date. Any gain or loss arising from a change in the exchange rates subsequent to the date of the transaction is included as an exchange gain or loss in the Income Statement.

The Company's financial statements are presented in pounds sterling which, is considered to be the company's functional currency. Profits and losses of overseas branches are expressed in sterling at average exchange rates for the year and their balance sheets are expressed in sterling at year end exchange rates. Exchange differences arising on the translation of overseas branches are recorded

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting convention (continued)

2.12 Foreign currency translation (Continued)

in other comprehensive income.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entity and translated at the closing rate.

2.13 Pension scheme arrangements

The Company contributes to two group personal pension plans. These are defined contribution schemes, and contributions made by the Company on behalf of employees are charged to the Income Statement. One of the two schemes was closed to new participants in 2000.

Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Statement of comprehensive income when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

2.14 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, and are offset only when the Company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets

Trade, group and other debtors

Trade, group and other debtors (including accrued income) which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting convention (continued)

2.14 Financial instruments (Continued)

A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the amounts due will not be collected according to the original terms of the contract. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss for the excess of the carrying value of the trade debtor over the present value of the future cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities and equity

Financial instruments are classified as liabilities and equity instruments according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Equity instruments

Financial instruments classified as equity instruments are recorded at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of direct costs of issuing the equity instruments.

Trade, group and other creditors

Trade, group and other creditors (including accruals) payable within one year that do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being transaction price less any amounts settled.

Where the arrangement with a creditor constitutes a financing transaction, the creditor is initially measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar instrument and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and other similar charges.

Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

A financial asset is derecognised only when the contractual rights to cash flows expire or are settled, or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to another party, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party. A financial liability (or part thereof) is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting convention (continued)

2.15 Share based payments - equity settled

The cost of shares which will be awarded under the Free Share and Stock Option Plans is measured at fair value. Fair value for the Free Share Plan is calculated based on the anticipated number of shares to be issued and the share price on grant date. For Stock Option Plans, the value is based on the difference between the option price and share price at grant date. For all schemes, Bureau Veritas SA will bear the cost at maturity or exercise date. The fair value of shares in each scheme is spread over the vesting period and reported in the wages and salaries expense with a corresponding entry to other reserves. The free share plan is a group wide plan and it is equity settled. There is a three-year vesting period for every scheme.

The Company had 10 employees (2021: 10) with unvested shares in Free Share Plans and Stock Option Plans vesting 22 June 2022The total number of free shares and share options unvested at 31 December 2022 was nil (2021: Nil)

Inspectorate International Limited will bear the cost of employers' national insurance at the maturity or exercise date. The liability is calculated by reference to the market value of the shares at the year end date. The liability is accrued between the grant date and the maturity date for the free share and stock option plans and reported in accruals with a corresponding entry to the income statement.

In the year of settlement, the Company is recharged for the cost of exercise by its parent undertaking. As a result, the company accrues for this over the vesting period, based on the year end share price, with corresponding entries to the other reserves. Any difference between the amounts accrued and finally settled are recognised within the other reserves.

There were no cancellations or modifications to the share based payment awards in 2022 or 2021.

2.16 Critical estimate and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

The recoverability of debtors is considered by management and an estimate is made with regards to the amounts which may not be recoverable and are therefore provided against. In making this estimate management considers knowledge of the debtors, past experience and the ageing of the debt owed, as well as all relevant correspondence with the individual debtors.

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the Company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3. Turnover

The directors are of the opinion that the Company has only one class of business being inspection and testing services. The discontinued operations represent the UK delivered commodity services that were sold to Bureau Veritas Commodities UK Limited in the prior year. The analysis by geographical area of the Company's turnover, by destination (which is considered to be the same as origin), is set out below:

Continuing operations:	£000	£000
United Kingdom	794	4,641
Rest of World	19,135	22,751
Middle East	19,904	12,039
Discontinued operations:	• •	14,796
	39,833	54,226

4. Directors' remuneration

The remuneration of the directors for their qualifying services to the Company was as follows:

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Directors' emoluments	16	25
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	1	2
	17	27
Number of directors who exercised share options	-	-
Number of directors who received shares for qualifying services	-	-

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 1 director (2021: 1) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5. Employees

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	10,108	14,915
Share based payments - equity settled	186	233
Social security costs	78	844
Cost of defined contribution pension scheme	32	346
·	10,404	<u>16,338</u>

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

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Operational	206	248
Administrative	125	159
	331	407

6. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):

	£000	£000
Amortisation of intangibles	-	154
Depreciation of tangible assets	567	1,100
Hire of other assets under operating leases	736	958
Auditor's remuneration — audit of financial statements	98	125
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(871)	2,464

2021

2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7.	Interest receivable and similar income		
		2022 £000	2021 £000
	Interest received on loan with group undertakings	2,000	325
8.	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2022 £000	2021 £000
	Payable to group undertakings	494	136
9.	Taxation		
		2022 £000	2021 £000
	Corporation tax		
	Current tax on profits for the year	33	387
	Adjustment in respect of PY	(153)	117
	Foreign tax on income for the year	403	295
	Double tax relief	-	-
	Total current tax	(96)	861
	Deferred tax		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	(343)
	Adjustment in respect of prior years	-	(8)
	Derecognition of asset	554	•
	Effect of tax rate change on opening balance	-	<u>(</u> 51)
	Total deferred tax	554	(402)
	Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	458	459
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower (2021 - lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021 - 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u> 10,721</u>	32,690
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021 - 19%)	2,037	6,211
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods Non-taxable income Overseas tax Deferred tax asset not recognised Effects of tax rate changes	36 (153) (2,040) 24 554	(66) 109 (6,656) 357 555 (51)
Total tax charge for the year	458	<u>459</u>

Factors that may affect future tax charges

Deferred tax has been calculated using this rate based on this being the most up to date legislation available at the balance sheet date. Within the budget, the government announced that the corporation tax main rate for the years starting 1 April 2022 and 2023 would remain at 19% but increase to 25% starting 1 April 2023.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10. Intangible Assets

	Purchased goodwill £000
Cost	
At 1 January 2022 Additions	1,019
Disposals Exchange adjustments	:
At 31 December 2022	1,019
Amortisation At 1 January 2022	1,019
Charge for the year	-,010
On disposals Exchange adjustments	-
At 31 December 2022	1,019
Net book value	
At 31 December 2022	
At 31 December 2021	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1.	Tangible Fixed Assets			
	•		Plant,	
			equipment	
		Land and	and motor	
		building	vehicles	Total
		£000	£000	£000
	Cost or valuation			
	At 1 January 2022	2,982	7,157	10,140
	Additions	464	725	1,189
	Disposals	-	-	-
	Exchange adjustments	352	834	1,185
	At 31 December 2022	3,798	8,716	12,514
				<u> </u>
	Depreciation	···· — ··· —		·
	At 1 January 2022	999	5,631	6,630
	Charge for the year	120	447	567
	Disposals	-	•	-
	Exchange adjustments	125	700	825
	At 31 December 2022	1,244	6,778	8,022
	Net book value	-		
	At 31 December 2022	2,554	1,938	<u>4,492</u>
	At 31 December 2021	1,983	1.528	3.511
	The net book value of land and buildings may b	pe further analysed as follows	· s:	
			2022	2021
			£000	£000
			2,554	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

12. Fixed asset investments

	Shares in subsidiary undertaking £000		Shares in participating undertakings £000	Total £000
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2022	14,507	-	69	14,576
At 31 December 2022	14,507	-	69	14,576
Impairment			ı	
At 1 January 2022	8,684	-	· •	8,684
Charge for the period	-	-	•	-
At 31 December 2022	8,684		-	8,684
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	5,823		69	5,892
At 31 December 2021	5,823		69	5,892

Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

Name	Registered office	Class of shares	Holding
Inspectorate Singapore Pte Ltd	Singapore	Ordinary	100 %
Inspectorate India Pvt Ltd	India	Ordinary	100 %
Inspectorate International (Saudi Arabia) Co. Ltd	Saudi Arabia	Ordinary	65 %
Participating Interests			
Inspectorate International Limited Qatar LLC Inspectorate (Malaysia) Sdn bhd	Qatar	Ordinary	49%
	Malaysia	Ordinary	49%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

13.	Debtors		•
		2022	2021
		£000	£000
	Trade debtors	7,619	8,868
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	63,777	87,864
	Prepayments and accrued income	1,079	1,848
	Corporation tax	4,901	675
	Deferred taxation	•	554
	VAT Recoverable	-	374
	Other debtors	99	307
		<u>77,475</u>	<u>100,490</u>

Included within amounts owed by group undertakings is a balance of £5,700k (2021: £85,334k) due from Bureau Veritas SA which is unsecured, interest bearing and is repayable on demand.

14. Stock

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Consumables	<u>449</u>	<u>.</u>

All stock in IIL sits within the branches. There is currently no stock held in the UK.

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	36.048	35,856
Accruals and deferred income	5,042	4,094
Other creditors	22	26
Corporation tax	•	451
Other taxation and social security	246	10
Amounts owed to group undertakings	29,055	28,939
Trade creditors	1,683	2,336
	£000	£000
	2022	2021

The amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, have no fixed dated of repayment and incur interest at loan currency SONIA plus 2%.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

16. Provisions

	Terminal benefits £000	Total £000
At 1 January 2022	1,965	1,965
Utilisation of provision	(265)	(265)
At 31 December 2022	1,700	1,700

The Terminal Benefits provision is for an End of Service obligation the Company has to employees of the branches in the Middle East. The provision will be utilised when employees leave the company.

17. Deferred taxation

		2022 £000
At beginning of year Derecognised in year		554 (554)
At end of year		
The deferred tax asset is made up as follows:		
Decelerated capital allowances Effect of other short term timing differences	2022 £000	2021 £000 331 223
		554

A further deferred tax asset of £1,109k (2021: £554k) arising from capital allowances has not been recognised due to the uncertainty of when the allowances will unwind.

18. Pension costs

The Company contributes to group personal pension plans, which are defined contribution in nature. The pension cost charge for the year amounted to £32k (2022: £346k). Amounts remaining unpaid at the year end were £nil (2022: £nil).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

19. Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid	2022 £000	2021 £000
34,590,512 <i>(2021 :-34,590,512)</i> Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	34,590	34,590
34,330,312 (202134,330,312) Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each	J4,JJU	34,390

The Company's ordinary shares, which carry no right to fixed income, each carry the right to one vote at general meetings of the Company.

Capital contribution reserve:

This reserve comprises a non-returnable gift of capital.

Other reserves:

This reserve comprises of amounts charged and credited in relation to share based payments.

Profit and loss account

This reserve comprises accumulated profits and losses less dividend paid/payable.

20. Financial commitments

At 31 December the Company had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Land & buildings Not later than 1 year Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	37.5 148	437 92
Later than 5 years	•	40
	523	569
	2022 £000	2022 £000
Other	2000	£000
Not later than 1 year Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	311 509	359 375
	820	734

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

21. Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 102 section 33 not to provide details of transactions with wholly-owned other members of the Bureau Veritas SA group, on the grounds that publicly available consolidated financial statements are prepared by the parent company, Bureau Veritas SA.

During the financial year, the Company entered into the following material transactions with non-wholly owned subsidiaries and associated entities, and holds the following material amounts on the balance sheet at 31 December 2021 and 2022:

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Sales to related parties	21	216
Purchases from related parties	1,708	3,529
Owed by related parties at 31 December	38	85
Owed to related parties at 31 December	<u>148</u>	<u>356</u>

22. Post balance sheet events

There were no post balance sheet events.

23. Immediate and ultimate parent undertaking

During 2022 the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bureau Veritas Commodity Services Ltd.

The smallest group of undertakings of which the Company is a member that produces consolidated financial statements is Bureau Veritas SA, a company incorporated in France. Its group financial statements are available from the company's registered office at 40/52 Boulevard du Parc, 92200 Neuilly sur Seine, France.

The directors regard the Wendel-Participations SE, a Company incorporated in France, as the company's ultimate parent and ultimate controlling party by virtue of its majority interest in the equity capital of Bureau Veritas SA.

The largest group of undertakings of which the company is a member that produces consolidated financial statements is the Wendel-Participations SE, a company registered in France. Its group financial statements are available from the company's registered office at 89 rue Taitbout, 75009, Paris, France (www.wendelgroup.com).

24. Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments in place at the year end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

25. Other government grants

2022 2021 £000 £000

Other government grants

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Other government grants received is in relation to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). The CJRS grant relates to staff who have been furloughed due to COVID-19. There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attached to these grants. The Company did not benefit directly from any other forms of Government assistance. Access to the grants has been made possible by retaining these staff.