

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 00806281

EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED
OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DRJ Sharpe
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EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED

STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the year continued to be that of a finance company. The company is part of Universal Music Group's UK operations.

The result of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022 and its position as at that date are set out in the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity on pages 9, 10 and 11 respectively. The result and position of the company were in line with directors' expectations.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The company's loss for the financial year was £30,987,000 (2021: profit £39,470,000). The loss in the year is due to a reduction in interest receivable earned, alongside an increased interest payable driven by large increases in interest rate. The retained loss for the year has been transferred to reserves. The directors do not recommend a dividend payment for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: £nil).

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Given the company operates as a finance company holding only intercompany loans, the directors do not consider that there are any Key Performance Indicators which require disclosure.

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The company uses a variety of financial instruments including cash, equity and intercompany receivables and payables in its activity as a finance company. The directors are of the view that the main risks arising from the company's financial instruments are exchange rate risk and interest rate risk, as summarised below:

Exchange rate risk

Exchange rate fluctuation presents a risk because some loans are denominated in currencies other than Sterling. The directors do not consider that the potential downside is significant enough to require hedging but continue to monitor the potential risk.

Interest rate risk

Fluctuations in interest rates have an impact on intercompany receivables and payables. However any impact on receivables will to a large extent be offset by the impact on payables. Given that the company does not have any external borrowings the directors consider the interest rate risk to be minimal.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The company is faced with similar risks and uncertainties as other finance companies, primarily the impact of interest rate fluctuations on amounts receivable from and payable to group undertakings.

All risks and uncertainties are regularly monitored by the directors, including the following:

Climate change

Whilst the company is not considered to be part of a heavy emitting industry, the directors recognise the importance of reducing its impacts and moving towards being a zero carbon operation.

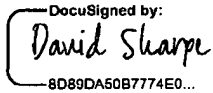
The company, as part of Universal Music Group's UK operations, has recently signed up to the Science Based Targets Initiative which will provide a clearly-defined pathway to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, helping prevent the worst impacts of climate change and future-proofing business growth.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)
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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Notwithstanding the risks and uncertainties outlined above, the directors do not anticipate any significant change in the activities and results of the company in the foreseeable future.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on their behalf.

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DRJ Sharpe
Director

Date: 7 September 2023

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements and the auditor's report of the company, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

They have included the following matters within the strategic report, otherwise required to be disclosed in the directors' report, as they are considered to be of strategic importance to the company.

- Results and dividends;
- Financial risk management objectives and policies; and
- Future developments.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served the company during the year and subsequently were as follows:

AM Barker
BJ Muir
DRJ Sharpe
SL Carmel

DIRECTORS' QUALIFYING THIRD PARTY INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

A qualifying third party indemnity provision remains in force as at the date of approving the directors' report, subject to the provisions of section 236 of the Companies Act 2006. Universal Music Group N.V., the ultimate parent undertaking, maintains a Directors & Officers Liability Programme which indemnifies directors' personal liabilities resulting from alleged wrongful acts committed in the line of their employment, in relation to the company and its subsidiary undertakings.

DONATIONS

The company made no charitable or political donations in either year.

GOING CONCERN - CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the company has received confirmation from Universal Music Group N.V., the company's ultimate parent undertaking, of its intention to continue to provide financial and other support to the extent necessary to enable the company to continue to pay its liabilities as and when they become due for a period not less than one year from the date of approval of these financial statements. Having regard to this intention, and the ability of Universal Music Group N.V. to provide such support if necessary, the directors believe it is appropriate to prepare these financial statements on a going concern basis, notwithstanding the net current liabilities at 31 December 2022.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". 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 year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

AUDITOR

In so far as each of the directors at the date of approving this report are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- each director has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

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

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, Cooper Parry Group Limited will be deemed to be reappointed and will therefore continue in office.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on their behalf.

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Company Secretary

Date: 7 September 2023

Company Registration Number: 00806281

EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of EMI Group Finance Limited (the 'company') 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, 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 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 state 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; and
- 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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 our 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 this gives rise to 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has 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 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED (continued)

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We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators including the Health and Safety Executive, and the company's legal advisors.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

Other matters - unaudited comparatives

Comparative information in the financial statements is derived from the company's prior period financial statements, which were not audited.

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.



Steven Leith (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Cooper Parry Group Limited, Statutory Auditor, London, United Kingdom

Date: 7 September 2023

Company Registration Number: 00806281

EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | Note | 2022 £'000 | 2021 £'000 |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Foreign exchange gains/(losses) | | <u>1,508</u> | <u>(3,574)</u> |
| OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) | 4 | 1,508 | (3,574) |
| Interest receivable and similar income | 7 | 16,938 | 97,691 |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 8 | <u>(56,702)</u> | <u>(45,389)</u> |
| (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION | | (38,256) | 48,728 |
| Tax on loss/(profit) | 9 | <u>7,269</u> | <u>(9,258)</u> |
| (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR | | <u>(30,987)</u> | <u>39,470</u> |
| Total other comprehensive (expense)/income | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (EXPENSE)/INCOME | | <u><u>(30,987)</u></u> | <u><u>39,470</u></u> |

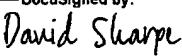
All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing operations.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | Note | 2022 £'000 | 2021 £'000 |
|---|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Loans to group undertakings | 10 | 6,446,171 | 6,439,972 |
| | | <u>6,446,171</u> | <u>6,439,972</u> |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash at bank | | 3 | 174 |
| | | <u>3</u> | <u>174</u> |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | 11 | (5,506,176) | (5,469,161) |
| NET CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>(5,506,173)</u> | <u>(5,468,987)</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>939,998</u> | <u>970,985</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>939,998</u> | <u>970,985</u> |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | |
| Called-up share capital | 12 | 83,936 | 83,936 |
| Profit and loss account | | <u>856,062</u> | <u>887,049</u> |
| EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | | <u>939,998</u> | <u>970,985</u> |

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 7 September 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

DocuSigned by:

 DRJ Sharpe
 Director

Company Registration Number: 00806281

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

| | Called-up share capital £'000 | Profit & loss account £'000 | Total shareholders' funds £'000 |
|--|--|--|--|
| Balance brought forward 1 January 2021 | 83,936 | 847,579 | 931,515 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | |
| Profit for the financial year | - | 39,470 | 39,470 |
| Balance brought forward 1 January 2022 | 83,936 | 887,049 | 970,985 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | |
| Loss for the financial year | - | (30,987) | (30,987) |
| Balance carried forward at 31 December 2022 | 83,936 | 856,062 | 939,998 |

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements

EMI GROUP FINANCE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

EMI Group Finance Limited is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in the UK under the Companies Act 2006 and registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 4 Pancras Square, London, United Kingdom, N1C 4AG.

The principal activities of the company and the nature of its operations are set out in the strategic report on pages 2 to 3.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The company's financial statements have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company, and have been rounded to the nearest £'000.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

FRS 102 - Qualifying exemptions

The company meets the definition of a qualifying subsidiary entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102:

- from preparing a statement of cash flows and related notes;
- from preparing a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding from the beginning to the end of the financial year;
- from disclosing related party transactions with wholly owned group companies;
- from disclosing key management personnel compensation; and
- from certain financial instrument disclosures required by FRS 102.11 *Basic Financial Instruments* and FRS 102.12 *Other Financial Instruments*.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of the company's parent undertaking, Universal Music Group N.V., copies of which can be obtained from Universal Music Group, 's-Gravelandseweg 80, 1217 EW Hilversum, The Netherlands.

Going concern - continued support from ultimate parent undertaking

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the company has received confirmation from Universal Music Group N.V., the company's ultimate parent undertaking, of its intention to continue to provide financial and other support to the extent necessary to enable the company to continue to pay its liabilities as and when they become due for a period not less than one year from the date of approval of these financial statements. Having regard to this intention, and the ability of Universal Music Group N.V. to provide such support if necessary, the directors believe it is appropriate to prepare these financial statements on a going concern basis, notwithstanding the net current liabilities at 31 December 2022.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified 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.

Financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the company intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions of being 'basic' financial instruments as defined in paragraph 11.9 of FRS 102 are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debt instruments that have no stated interest rate (and do not constitute financing transaction) and are classified as payable or receivable within one year are initially measured at an undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

Other debt instruments not meeting conditions of being 'basic' financial instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the company transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the company, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party. Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the fair value of cash or other resources received or receivable, net of direct issue costs.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment

Impairment of assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss as described below.

Non-financial assets

An asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, the estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss previously recognised, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

Financial assets

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of an impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

For financial assets carried at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that would be received for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired financial asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

Interest receivable and Interest payable

Interest receivable relates to amounts due from group undertakings and interest payable relates to amounts due to group undertakings. They are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as they accrue under the effective interest method.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the company's functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the statement of financial position date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised through profit or loss in the statement of comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The following timing differences are not provided for: differences between accumulated depreciation and tax allowances for the cost of a fixed asset if and when all conditions for retaining the tax allowances have been met; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries, associated and joint ventures to the extent that it is not probable that they will reverse in the foreseeable future and the reporting entity is able to control the reversal of the timing difference. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The directors may make judgements in the application of the accounting policies above that have a significant impact on the amounts recognised, and may make estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies

The directors have concluded there are no critical judgements to disclose.

Key source of estimation uncertainty

The directors have concluded there are no key sources of estimation uncertainty to disclose.

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4. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)

Operating profit/(loss) is stated after crediting/(charging):

| | 2022 £'000 | 2021 £'000 |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Net gains/(losses) on foreign currency translation | <u>1,509</u> | <u>(3,574)</u> |

5. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

The auditor's remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2022 was £7,000 (2021: £9,200) and was borne by Universal Music Operations Limited in both years.

6. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The company had no employees during the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: none).

Emoluments for the directors of the company are paid for by fellow group subsidiary, Universal Music Operations Limited. That fellow group company has not recharged any amount to the company (2021: £nil) on the basis that they are unable to make a reasonable apportionment of the portion of these total emoluments that relate to qualifying services provided by directors of the company.

7. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

| | 2022 £'000 | 2021 £'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Interest receivable from group undertakings | <u>16,938</u> | <u>97,691</u> |
| | <u>16,938</u> | <u>97,691</u> |

8. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

| | 2022 £'000 | 2021 £'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Interest payable to group undertakings | <u>56,702</u> | <u>45,389</u> |
| | <u>56,702</u> | <u>45,389</u> |

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9. TAX ON LOSS

(a) Analysis of tax (credit)/charge in the year

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Current tax: | | |
| In respect of the year | | |
| UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year at 19.00% (2021: 19.00%) | <u>(7,269)</u> | <u>9,258</u> |
| Tax on (loss)/profit | <u>(7,269)</u> | <u>9,258</u> |

(b) Factors affecting tax (credit)/charge

The tax assessed on the loss for the year is the same as (2021: the same as) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2021: 19.00%).

Under the Finance Act 2021, the main rate of corporation tax was increased from 19% to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023. This change was substantively enacted for UK GAAP purposes on 24 May 2021. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the rate that is enacted and expected to apply to the accounting period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on the above rates.

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| (Loss)/Profit before taxation | <u>(38,256)</u> | <u>48,728</u> |
| (Loss)/Profit at the standard rate of UK Corporation tax of 19.00% (2021: 19.00%) | <u>(7,269)</u> | <u>9,258</u> |
| Current tax (credit)/charge for the financial year | <u>(7,269)</u> | <u>9,258</u> |

10. LOANS TO GROUP UNDERTAKINGS

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Loans to group undertakings | <u>6,446,171</u> | <u>6,439,972</u> |
| | <u>6,446,171</u> | <u>6,439,972</u> |

Within loans to group undertakings, £1,767,889,000 (2021: £1,764,988,000) relates to amounts due from parent companies, and £4,678,282,000 (2021: £4,674,984,000) relates to amounts due from other group companies.

At 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, all debtors are measured at amortised cost. They are unsecured and interest rates on balances denominated in Sterling are linked to SONIA from 1 January 2022, and balances denominated in Euros are linked to EURIBOR. Interest rates were linked to LIBOR prior to 1 January 2022.

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11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

| | 2022 £'000 | 2021 £'000 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | 5,494,879 | 5,451,032 |
| Corporation tax | 11,297 | 18,129 |
| | <u>5,506,176</u> | <u>5,469,161</u> |

Within amounts owed to group undertakings, £2,204,199,000 (2021: £2,174,018,000) relates to amounts owed to parent companies, and £3,290,680,000 (2021: £3,277,014,000) relates to amounts owed to other group companies.

All amounts owed to fellow group undertakings are classified as current as they are repayable on demand. The interest rates on balances denominated in Sterling are linked to SONIA from 1 January 2022, and balances denominated in Euros are linked to EURIBOR. Interest rates were linked to LIBOR prior to 1 January 2022.

At 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, all creditors are measured at amortised cost and no security has been provided against the balances.

12. CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

| | 2022 No | £'000 | 2021 No | £'000 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Ordinary shares of £1 each | 83,936,000 | 83,936 | 83,936,000 | 83,936 |
| | <u>83,936,000</u> | <u>83,936</u> | <u>83,936,000</u> | <u>83,936</u> |

The company has one class of ordinary shares which have attached to them full voting, dividend and capital distribution (including on winding up) rights. They do not confer any rights of redemption.

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits or losses, net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

13. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate parent undertaking is EMI Group Limited. The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Universal Music Group N.V. a company incorporated and domiciled in the Netherlands.

The smallest and largest group in which the result of the company is consolidated is that headed by Universal Music Group N.V.. Copies of its annual report in English may be obtained from its registered office at:

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