# **COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 01008089**

# Digital Applications International Limited Financial Statements Year ended 31 December 2020



# Financial Statements

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# **Summary Statement**

# Year ended 31 December 2020

The turnover for the year to 31st December 2020 is £36.8M, a year-on-year increase of over 5%. The Group reported an Operating Profit before Exceptional Item of £6.9M. Overall, the Operating Loss is impacted significantly by a £20.0M acquisition-related charges for a Stakeholder Reward Scheme (SRS) which is referenced in note 7 the financial statements.

During the FP, on 2nd March 2020, 100% of the DAI shares were acquired by Dematic Holdings UK Limited, part of the Frankfurt-based KION Group. The group had built a close working relationship with Dematic, having acted as software subcontractor over a period dating back to the late 1980s. The global nature of Dematic and its close cultural alignment was judged by the Directors to provide the best possible future environment for the group to continue to grow and for its staff to prosper. Other than the previous owners, all key staff have remained with the group following the change of ownership, as they enjoy the intellectual challenge of the work.

From the point of acquisition, the Directors of DAI are:

- Andrew Gill
- Jeff Moss
- Nigel Mitson
- Roff Sasser
- Robyn Sternberg Osborne (also is the Company Secretary)

Operationally, the group's management team continues under the leadership of CEO Nigel Mitson, who has been in the post for the past 12 years.

As part of the acquisition process, ownership of the property assets of the group was transferred, in the form of a dividend in specie, to Daleham Finance Limited. The group continues to operate out of the same premises, occupancy now being on a leasehold basis.

Digital Applications GmbH has continued to provide support for software installations in Switzerland, as well as projects contracted through the entity in UK.

DAI Software Technology (Shanghai) Co. Ltd, continued trading with only minimal activity during the FY. In 2021, all customer contracts expired with renewals and new projects now being contracted through the entity in the UK. The intention is to close this entity during 2022.

The Dutch company, Digital Applications International BV, has once again remained dormant during the FY. The intention is to close this entity during 2022.

The COVID 19 pandemic is affecting the group, like everyone else, with the added challenge that the Company is supporting the key grocery distribution facilities in UK, Denmark, and Germany. However, we remain confident that the rising global demand for automation and the continued growth of ecommerce will together yield a strong market for the group in the years to come.

Nigel Mitson CEO / Director

# Strategic Report

## Year ended 31 December 2020

#### The development and performance of the Group's business during the Financial Year

The year has again been the best ever with a 5% year-on-year increase in turnover to £36.8M. The Group reported an Operating Profit before Exceptional Item of £6.9M. Overall, the Operating Loss is impacted significantly by a £20.0M acquisition-related charges for a Stakeholder Reward Scheme (SRS) which is referenced in note 7 to the financial statements.

# The Position of the Group at Year End

The total Group net assets stand at £3.5M and there is no bank debt. The large reduction in net assets relates to the dividend in specie which occurred just before the acquisition. On the contrary, cash at the bank at the year-end stood at £4.7M with another £18.6M held with KION Group. This enables the Group to finance expansion without any dependencies.

## The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group

As referred in the Summary Statement, the Group's success is based on its ability to execute projects in an effective manner. Having more than a third of the turnover covered by support contracts provides a healthy buffer. As noted earlier, the uncertainty of the global economy following the coronavirus pandemic is the key unknown for all companies.

## Price Risk

The Group is exposed to general price risk in quoting fixed price contracts. However, with its experience of implementing such work and the significant cash reserves, this is not an issue.

# Liquidity Risk

The Group has ample funds available to avoid the risk.

# Credit Risk

Customers repeatedly press for extension of payment terms and in an increasing number of cases, pay later than contracted.

#### Exchange Rate Risk

Whenever feasible, the work is quoted in £s sterling or in Swiss Francs in the Swiss operation. Work in China has hitherto been quoted in £s. On the occasions when the work is invoiced in foreign currencies, this is carefully considered, and the effect is mitigated by the cash reserves.

Strategic Report (continued)

# Year ended 31 December 2020

# **Key Performance Indicators**

The Group's performance is strong in all sectors as discussed above. The Group primarily uses order intake, turnover, and earnings before interest and taxes as key performance indicators.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 18th MARCH 2022 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Nigel Mitson CEO / Director

## Directors' Report

# Year ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2020.

## Principal activities

The principal activity of the Group and Company during the year was delivery, integration, and support services for software systems in industrial and supply chain applications.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served the Company during the year and up until the signing of the financial statement were as follows:

Dr A J Kisiel	(resigned 2 March 2020)
Mrs B M Kisiel	(resigned 2 March 2020)
A Gill	(appointed 2 March 2020)
N Mitson	(appointed 2 March 2020)
J Moss	(appointed 2 March 2020)
R Sasser	(appointed 2 March 2020)
R A Sternberg Osborne	(appointed 2 March 2020)

#### Dividends

On 2 March 2020 a dividend of £16,050,000 was made in specie to distribute the groups property assets to Daleham Finance Limited. Additional cash dividends of £4,000,000 were also made.

# Future developments

The Group is continuing to grow in a controlled manner, focusing on its existing markets and strengths, particularly in the supply chain sector, which currently is enjoying a growth cycle. Expansion of project work in North America and SE Asia is expected to feature strongly in the coming years. In terms of software products, new versions of existing applications have been produced, intended to improve future competitiveness, but also enabling a significant retrofit market to the Group's existing installed base. New products will be brought to the market in the coming year to bolster the 'ecosystem' around our existing product set. These provide tooling for release management and automated testing, plus enhanced analytical capabilities.

## Employee involvement

The Group provides regular updates on company performance and key initiatives through a variety of channels including "town hall" meetings and e-mail communications. These updates are provided not only at the Company level but since the acquisition by Dematic in March 2020 also include information on the larger Dematic group of companies.

## Disabled employees

The Group believes the skills, capabilities and talents of its employees are the key to its success. The Group benefits enormously from the diversity and variety of the workforce and is fully committed to maintaining and encouraging this diversity. The richer the mix of people, skills and cultures in the Group, the greater the range of inputs, viewpoints, and experiences.

Because of this, the Group is fully committed to being an equal opportunities employer, defined by its diversity and opposition to all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

Directors' Report (continued)

#### Year ended 31 December 2020

Equality of opportunity refers to the fair treatment of individuals at work and employment decisions being made of relevant, objective criteria. The Group will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, disability, sexuality, sexual orientation, religion, belief, trade union membership or age.

#### Financial instruments

The areas of price, liquidity, credit, and exchange rate risk are dealt with in the Strategic Report.

## Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Company and the profit or loss of the Group for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's and the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and 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 Group and Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# Directors' Report

# Year ended 31 December 2020

# Auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Group and the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- they have 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 Group and the Company's auditor is aware
  of that information.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 1874 MARCH 2022 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Nigel Mitson

CEO / Director

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Digital Applications International Limited for the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Digital Applications International Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Consolidated Income Statement, Consolidated Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Company Statement of Financial Position, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, Company Statement of Changes in Equity and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including 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 state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of the group's loss 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 group and parent 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 group's or the parent 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.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Digital Applications International Limited for the Year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

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.

#### 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 the 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 group and the parent company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or 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 by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, 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 group's and the parent 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 group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Digital Applications International Limited for the Year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

# 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.

#### The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the group audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework that the group and parent company operate in and how the group and parent company are complying with the legal and regulatory framework;
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud:
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur
  including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud

As a result of these procedures we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and tax compliance regulations. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing financial statement disclosures, inspecting correspondence with local tax authorities and evaluating advice received from internal tax advisors.

The group audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls and revenue cut off as the areas where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business and reviewing managements stage of completion calculations on a sample of contracts at the balance sheet date.

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

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Digital Applications International Limited for the Year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

# 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.

# Romer AD or LLP

Christopher Hurren FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor

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# **Consolidated Income Statement**

# Year ended 31 December 2020

Turnover	Note 4	31 Dec 2020 £ 36,840,279	31 Dec 2019 £ 34,984,001
Cost of sales		(3,270,325)	(3,551,155)
Gross profit		33,569,954	31,432,846
Administrative expenses		(26,626,040)	(21,590,131)
Operating profit before exceptional item	5	6,943,914	9,842,715
Exceptional item	7	(19,978,980)	
Operating (loss) / profit		(13,035,066)	9,842,715
Other interest receivable and similar income	9	4,822	32,116
(Loss) / profit before taxation		(13,030,244)	9,874,831
Tax on profit or loss	10	2,978,409	(1,848,916)
(Loss) / profit for the year		(10,051,835)	8,025,915

# Consolidated Statement of Other Comprehensive Income

# Year ended 31 December 2020

	31 Dec 2020 £	31 Dec 2019 £
(Loss) / profit for the year	(10,051,835)	8,025,915
Revaluation of freehold property Foreign currency retranslation	191,197 54,559	249,820 (87,894)
Other comprehensive income for the year	245,756	161,926
Total comprehensive income for the year	(9,806,079)	8,187,841

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

# As at 31 December 2020

		2020	2019
·	Note	£	£
Fixed assets		700.001	16 077 210
Tangible assets	11	709,081	16,877,318
Current assets			
Debtors	13	31,858,069	8,217,345
Cash at bank and in hand		4,668,891	9,037,437
		36,526,960	17,254,782
Creditors: amounts falling due			
within one year	14	(23,581,779)	(10,735,589)
Net current assets		12,945,181	6,519,393
Total assets less current liabilities		13,654,262	23,396,711
Creditors: amounts falling due			
beyond one year	14	(10,191,215)	-
Provisions	15	-	(234,877)
Net assets		3,463,047	23,161,834
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	18	10,141,338	700,000
Share premium	18	715,954	-
Revaluation reserve	19	•	3,272,579
Profit and loss account	19	(7,394,245)	19,189,255
Total Equity		3,463,047	23,161,834

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 1874...2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Nigel Mitson Director

Company registration number: 01008089

# **Company Statement of Financial Position**

# As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets	11016	de	*
Tangible assets	11	702,289	16,875,412
Investments	12	236,024	236,024
		938,313	17,111,436
Current assets			
Debtors	13	31,678,425	7,406,254
Cash at bank and in hand		4,122,008	8,677,167
		35,800,433	16,083,421
Creditors: amounts falling due			
within one year	14	(23,924,826)	(10,573,509)
Net current assets		11,875,607	5,509,912
Total assets less current liabilities		12,813,920	22,621,348
Creditors: amounts falling due			
beyond one year	14	(10,191,215)	-
Provisions	15		(234,877)
Net assets		2,622,705	22,386,471
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	18	10,141,338	700,000
Share premium	18	715,954	-
Revaluation reserve	19	-	3,272,579
Profit and loss account	19	(8,234,587)	18,413,892
Total Equity		2,622,705	22,386,471

The loss for the financial year of the parent company was £10,062,255 (2019: profit of £7,978,683).

Nigel Mitson

Director

Company registration number: 01008089

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

# Year ended 31 December 2020

	Called up share capital £	Share premium £	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total £
At 31 December 2018	700,000	-	3,022,759	19,751,234	23,473,993
Profit for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	249,820	8,025,915 (87,894)	8,025,915 161,926
Total comprehensive income for the year	-		249,820	7,938,021	8,187,841
Dividend paid	-	-	-	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)
At 31 December 2019	700,000	-	3,272,579	19,189,255	23,161,834
Profit for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	- -	-	191,197	(10,051,835) 54,559	(10,051,835) 245,756
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	191,197	(9,997,276)	(9,806,079)
Transfer Contributions Dividend paid	9,441,338	715,954 	(3,463,776)	3,463,776 (20,050,000)	10,157,292 (20,050,000)
At 31 December 2020	10,141,338	715,954	-	(7,394,245)	3,463,047

# Company Statement of Changes in Equity

# Year ended 31 December 2020

	Called up share capital £	Share premium £	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total £
At 31 December 2018	700,000	-	3,022,759	18,935,209	22,657,968
Profit for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	- 249,820	7,978,683	7,978,683 · 249,820
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	249,820	7,978,683	8,228,503
Dividend paid	-	-	-	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)
At 31 December 2019	700,000		3,272,579	18,413,892	22,386,471
Profit for the year Other comprehensive income for the year Total comprehensive income for the year	-	- -	191,197	(10,062,255)	191,197
Transfer Contributions Dividend paid	9,441,338 ———	715,954	(3,463,776)	3,463,776 (20,050,000)	10,157,292 (20,050,000)
At 31 December 2020	10,141,338	715,954	-	(8,234,587)	2,622,705

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### Year ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. General information

The Company is a private company limited by shares, registered, domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales. The address of the registered office and principal place of business is Milan Court, Bird Hall Lane, Stockport, SK3 0WZ.

# 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

# 3. Accounting policies Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, including the provisions of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

## Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The company generated an operating profit before exceptional items of £6.9m and had a cash buffer including amounts due from group undertakings of £23.3m at the year end. The COVID 19 pandemic is affecting the Group, like everyone else, with the added challenge that the Group is supporting the key grocery distribution facilities in UK, Denmark and Germany. However, we remain confident that the rising global demand for automation and the continued growth of ecommerce will together yield a strong market for the Group in the year to come. As the Company has recently joined the Dematic group of companies, this will provide additional opportunities for the Company's products as well as provide additional access to liquidity.

## Disclosure exemptions

The parent company satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following reduced disclosures available under FRS 102:

- (a) Disclosures in respect of each class of share capital have not been presented.
- (b) No cash flow statement has been presented for the Group or Company.
- (c) Key management personnel has not been disclosed.

#### Consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the financial statements of Digital Applications International Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included from or to the date that control passes.

The parent company has applied the exemption contained in section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its individual profit and loss account. The parent company's individual statement of financial position shows the Company's profit or loss for the financial year.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# Year ended 31 December 2020

#### 3. Accounting policies (continued)

## Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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.

# Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### Freehold land and buildings

Estimates are made in respect of determining the carrying value of the freehold land and buildings which are stated at fair value. The properties were formally, independently valued in May 2019 by Chartered Surveyors on an open market basis (see note 11).

#### Long term contracts

Estimates are made in respect of establishing the stage of completion of long term contracts. In determining the stage of completion the directors estimate costs to complete, and compare costs incurred as a proportion of total expected costs. The methods of estimation used are discussed in the revenue recognition accounting policy below.

# Deferred taxation

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are assessed on the basis of assumptions regarding the future, the likelihood that assets will be realised and liabilities will be settled, and estimates as to the timing of those future events and as to the future tax rates that will be applicable.

## Revenue recognition

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods supplied and services rendered, stated net of Value Added Tax.

Revenue from the rendering of services is measured by reference to the stage of completion of the service transaction at the end of the reporting period provided that the outcome can be reliably estimated. When the outcome cannot be reliably estimated, revenue is recognised only to the extent that expenses recognised are recoverable.

#### Taxation

The taxation expense represents the aggregate amount of current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, tax is recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is recognised on taxable profit for the current and past periods. Current tax is measured at the amounts of tax expected to pay or recover using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## Year ended 31 December 2020

## 3. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences at the reporting date. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

#### Other Operating Income

Other operating income comprises of rental income on assets leased under operating leases. This income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term and is presented within other income. There was no other operating income during the year.

#### Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the profit and loss account.

#### Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

# Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation increase accumulated in equity in respect of that asset. Where a revaluation decrease exceeds the accumulated revaluation, gains accumulated in equity in respect of that asset, the excess shall be recognised in profit or loss.

# Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property - 2% on cost or valuation
Fixtures and fittings - 25% on Reducing balance
Motor vehicles - 25% on Reducing balance
Equipment - 20% on Straight line

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### Year ended 31 December 2020

#### 3. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Impairments of fixed assets

An assessment is made at each reporting date of whether there are indications that a fixed asset may be impaired or that an impairment loss previously recognised has fully or partially reversed. If such indications exist, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the asset.

Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts, being the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, are recognised as impairment losses. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Reversals of impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. On reversal of an impairment loss, the depreciation or amortisation is adjusted to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount (less any residual value) over its remaining useful life.

#### Investments

Interests in subsidiaries are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Interests in subsidiaries are assessed for impairment at each reporting date. Any impairments losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### Financial instruments

The Group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102, in full, to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, and are offset only when the Group 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 debtors

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

# 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 Group 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.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### Year ended 31 December 2020

# 3. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Financial instruments (continued)

#### Creditors

Creditors 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 the transaction price less any amounts settled. Where the arrangement with a creditor constitutes a financing transaction, the creditor is initially and subsequently measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar instrument.

# 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 is discharged, cancelled or expires.

# **Defined contribution plans**

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

#### Short-term benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term cash bonus or reward plans if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be measured reliably.

# 4. Turnover

Turnover arises from:

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	2020	2019
	£	£
Rendering of services	36,840,279	34,984,001
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# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# Year ended 31 December 2020

# 4. Turnover (Continued)

The turnover is attributable to the one principal activity of the group. An analysis of turnover by the geographical markets that substantially differ from each other is given below:

	2020	2019
	£	£
United Kingdom	27,469,319	24,959,656
Europe	2,450,667	4,786,300
North America	4,430,425	2,918,283
Africa	24,805	84,936
Australia	285,548	388,143
Asia	2,179,515	1,846,683
	36,840,279	34,984,001
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# 5. Operating profit

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

Operating profit of loss is stated after charging (crediting	18).	
	2020	2019
	£	£
Operating lease rental - land, buildings, equipment	722,673	28,750
Depreciation of tangible assets	229,276	473,286
Loss on disposal of tangible assets	137,848	64,464
Foreign exchange differences	(56,923)	(27,538)
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# 6. Auditor's remuneration

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	30,000	30,000

# 7. Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the group during the year, including the directors, amounted to:

	2020	2019
	No	No
Management staff	8	10
Technical staff	277	235
	285	245
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# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## Year ended 31 December 2020

## 7. Staff costs (Continued)

The aggregate payroll costs incurred during the year, relating to the above, were:

	2020	2019
•	£	£
Wages and salaries	37,104,477	16,200,277
Social security costs	4,758,376	1,924,488
Other pension costs	1,095,727	871,498
	42,958,580	18,996,263

Concurrent with the acquisition of the Company by Dematic Holdings UK Limited, the Company entered into a Stakeholder Reward Scheme ("SRS") with its employees which provides periodic payments over a period of three-and-a-half years. The first payments were made in March 2020 with the final instalment due in September 2023. Due to the nature of the SRS, certain payments are fixed in nature and were therefore expensed in 2020 immediately upon the acquisition of the Company. An exceptional item of £19,978,980 represents the payments due regardless of future service to the Company and the related social security costs. Additionally, a further £2,936,219 was recognised during the remainder of the year related to the portion of the SRS which requires future service to the Company.

#### 8. Directors' remuneration

The directors' aggregate remuneration in respect of qualifying services was:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Emoluments	42,667	240,975
Salaries and bonuses	309,211	-
Other remuneration	6,514,477	-
	6,866,355	240,975

Remuneration of the highest paid director in respect of qualifying services:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Aggregate remuneration	6,823,688	178,125

No pension contributions have been made during the year on behalf of the directors.

# 9. Other interest receivable and similar income

	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest on bank deposits	4,822	32,116

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## Year ended 31 December 2020

. Tax on profit		
Major components of tax expense		
	2020 £	2019 £
Current tax:		
UK current tax expense Adjustments in respect of prior years	(3,960)	1,891,793 2,788
Total UK current tax	(3,960)	1,894,581
Foreign current tax expense	18,641	3,455
Total current tax	14,681	1,898,036
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing difference Effect of changes in tax rates	es (2,998,229) 5,139	(49,120)
Total deferred tax	(2,993,090)	(49,120)
Tax on profit	(2,978,409)	1,848,916

## Reconciliation of tax expense

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year in the UK is 19% (2019: 19%).

(Loss) / profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2020 £ (13,030,244)	2019 £ 9,874,831
Profit on ordinary activities by rate of tax	(2,475,746)	1,876,218
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior years	(3,960)	2,788
Effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4,366	5,088
Effect of capital allowances and depreciation	•	20,117
Effects of share options	(523,463)	-
Effects of profit of subsidiary companies	15,255	3,455
Effects of changes in tax rates	5,139	(58,750)
Tax on profit	(2,978,409)	1,848,916

# Factors that may affect future tax expense

In the Spring Budget 2021, the government announced that from 1 April 2023 the headline corporation tax rate will increase to 25%. As the proposal to increase the rate to 25% had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, its effects are not included in these financial statements.

However, it is likely that the overall effect of the change, had it been substantively enacted by the balance sheet date, would be to increase the tax credit for the year by £280,628 and to increase the deferred tax asset by £280,628.

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	Tangible assets					
	Group	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles £		t Total
	Cost At 1 January 2020 Additions Disposals	16,050,000 - (16,050,000)	817,473 105,710 (376,442)	149,652 - (149,652	217,152	17,735,961 322,862 (16,662,014)
	At 31 December 2020	-	546,741	-	850,068	1,396,809
	<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 January 2020 Charge for the year Disposals	-	405,336 87,276 (231,046)	88,556 3,769 (92,325	138,231	229,276
	At 31 December 2020		261,566	-	426,162	687,728
	Carrying amount At 31 December 2020	-	285,175	_	423,906	709,081
	At 31 December 2019	16,050,000	412,137	61,096	354,085	16,877,318
,	Company	Freehold Fi property £	xtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total
	Cost At 1 January 2020 Additions Disposals	16,050,000 - (16,050,000)	793,185 101,602 (376,442)	149,652 - (149,652)	612,322 212,502	17,605,159 314,104 (16,662,014)
	At 31 December 2020	-	518,345	-	738,904	1,257,249
1	Depreciation At 1 January 2020 Charge for the year Disposals At 31 December 2020 Carrying amount	- - -"	381,429 85,880 (231,046) 236,263	88,556 3,769 (92,325)	259,762 135,755 (76,820) 318,697	729,747 225,404 (400,191) 554,960
	At 31 December 2020	-	282,082	-	420,207	702,289
,	At 31 December 2019	16,050,000	411,756	61,096	352,560	16,875,412

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## Year ended 31 December 2020

# 11. Tangible assets (Continued)

# Tangible assets held at valuation

The Group's and the Company's freehold land and buildings are carried at valuation in accordance with the Group's accounting policy. During the year, all freehold land and buildings were distributed via a dividend in specie.

At 31 December 2019 on a historical cost basis, the freehold land and buildings would be carried in the balance sheet at a cost £17,502,808 less accumulated depreciation of £1,616,755.

#### 12. Investments

The Group has no investments.

Company	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost	
At 31 December 2019	236,024
Additions	-
At 31 December 2020	236,024
Impairment	
At 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2020	
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	236,024
At 31 December 2019	236,024

# Subsidiaries, associates and other investments

Details of the investments in which the parent company has an interest of 20% or more are as follows:

Tollows.	Country	Class of share	Percentage of shares held
Subsidiary undertakings			
Digital Applications GmbH	Switzerland	Ordinary	100
Digital Applications International BV	Holland	Ordinary	100
DAI Software Technology (Shanghai)	Shanghai	Ordinary	100
Co., Ltd.	-		

# Registered offices of the companies are as follows:

Digital Applications GmbH - Clarastrasse 15, Postfach 154, 4005 Basel, Switzerland Digital Applications International BV - Brediusweg 57, 1401 AD, Bussum, Netherlands DAI Software Technology (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. - Unit 2316, Level 23, 5 Corporate Avenue, 150 Hubin Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai, China

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# Year ended 31 December 2020

# 13. Debtors

	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	7,197,482	6,079,615	7,076,511	5,380,019
Amounts due from group undertakings	18,606,156	-	18,606,156	-
Deferred tax assets	2,949,410	-	2,949,410	-
Other debtors	2,742,933	1,816,728	2,701,370	1,782,748
Prepayments and accrued income	362,088	321,002	344,978	243,487
	31,858,069	8,217,345	31,678,425	7,406,254

Amounts due from group undertakings are due from a parent company, KION Group AG.

# 14. Creditors

Group		Company	
2020	2019	2020	2019
£	£	£	£
341,950	155,492	341,584	155,492
3,557,993	2,024,233	3,557,993	2,024,233
•	-	564,478	431,214
10,606,156	-	10,606,156	-
-	1,291,409	-	1,291,409
1,875,494	1,382,177	1,871,532	1,353,926
7,200,186	5,882,078	6,983,083	5,317,235
23,581,779	10,735,389	23,924,826	10,573,509
	2020 £ 341,950 3,557,993 10,606,156 - 1,875,494 7,200,186	2020 2019 £ £ 341,950 155,492 3,557,993 2,024,233 	2020     2019     2020       £     £     £       341,950     155,492     341,584       3,557,993     2,024,233     3,557,993       -     564,478       10,606,156     -     10,606,156       -     1,291,409     -       1,875,494     1,382,177     1,871,532       7,200,186     5,882,078     6,983,083

Amounts due to creditors falling due beyond one year of £10,191,215 (2019: £0) represent amounts payable for the SRS and related taxes accrued thereon.

# 15. Provisions

Group and Company	Deferred tax (note 16)	Total
	£	£
At 1 January 2020	234,877	234,877
Addition to the provision in the year	-	-
Reduction in provision in the year	(243,877)	(234,877)
At 31 December 2020	-	

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## Year ended 31 December 2020

## 16. Deferred tax

The deferred tax assets (liabilities) included in the statement of financial position is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Included in debtors (note 13)	2,949,410	-	2,949,410	-
Included in provisions (note 15)	-	(234,877)	-	(234,877)
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The deferred tax account consists of the tax effect of timing differences in respect of:

	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	20,199	(234,877)	20,199	(234,877)
Short-term timing differences	1,695,449	-	1,695,449	-
Pension contributions	38,000	-	38,000	-
Trade losses	1,195,762	-	1,195,762	-
	2,949,410	(234,877)	2,949,410	(234,877)

## 17. Employee benefits

## **Defined contribution plans**

The amount recognised in profit or loss as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,095,727 (2019: £871,498). There were £200,000 (2019: £168,562) unpaid pension contributions included within accruals at the year end.

# 18. Called up share capital

# Issued, called up and fully paid

	2020		2019	
	No	£	No	£
Ordinary Class "A" shares of £1 each	9,941,338	9,941,338	500,000	500,000
Ordinary Class "B" shares of £1 each	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
	10,141,338	10,141,338	700,000	700,000

The Company's A ordinary shares carry the right to one vote at the general meetings of the company and carry no right of fixed income. The Company's B ordinary shares carry no voting rights or rights of fixed income.

During the year, the Company issued 9,441,338 (2019: 0) ordinary shares with a nominal value of £1 each for consideration of £9,441,338 (2019: £0) in order to provide funding of the SRS payments.

Share premium of £715,954 (2019: £0) represents amounts received by the Company for the exercise of options by employees under the Enterprise Management Incentives scheme.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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#### 19. Reserves

Revaluation reserve - This reserve records the value of asset revaluations and fair value movements on assets recognised in other comprehensive income.

Profit and loss account - This reserve records retained earnings and accumulated losses and contains translation adjustments recognised in other comprehensive income.

## 20. Dividend

	2020 £	2019 £
Dividends paid in the year	20,050,000	8,500,000

Dividends were paid on Ordinary Class "B" shares. Dividends paid in 2020 include a dividend in specie consisting of the freehold land and buildings valued at £16,050,000 and a cash dividend of £4,000,000 (2019: cash dividend of £8,500,000).

# 21. Operating leases

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Within one year	721,589	28,750	710,000	-
Between one and five years	2,840,000	55,731	2,840,000	-
Later than five years	6,390,000	-	6,390,000	
	9,951,589	84,481	9,940,000	-

## 22. Related party transactions

# Company

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions provided by Section 33 of FRS 102 'Related Party Disclosures' and has not disclosed transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary undertaking which is party to the transaction is wholly owned by a member of that group.

During the year, dividends of £20.05M (2019: £8.5M) was paid to Daleham Finance Limited, a related party by way of common directorship.

During the year, the Company entered into lease agreements to rent the freehold land and buildings formerly owned which were included in the dividend to Daleham Finance Limited.

# 23. Controlling party

The Group and Company were under the control of Dr A J Kisiel at the beginning of the year. Following the sale of the business on 2 March 2020, the new controlling party is KION Group AG.