Strategic Report, Report of the Directors and

**Financial Statements** 

for the Year Ended 31 December 2013

for

**AVL United Kingdom Ltd** 

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### **AVL United Kingdom Ltd**

## Company Information for the year ended 31 December 2013

**DIRECTORS:** 

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A Ciriello

**SECRETARY:** 

S M Sweeney

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

Avon House

Hartlebury Trading Estate

Hartlebury Worcestershire DY10 4JB

**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

01067795 (England and Wales)

SENIOR STATUTORY AUDITOR: Darren Walley FCCA

**AUDITORS:** 

Banks Sheridan Datum House Electra Way Crewe Cheshire CW1 6ZF

**BANKERS:** 

NatWest

Northwich Branch The Bull Ring Northwich CHESHIRE CW9 5BN

## Strategic Report for the year ended 31 December 2013

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2013.

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

In the year turnover has increased by 15.2% to £18.9 million and the gross profit has remained at a similar level to that in 2012 at £3.2 million.

The gross profit margin has fallen from 19.4% to 16.7%. This is due to a change in sales mix towards lower margin but strategically important projects. Administrative expenses on continuing operations have fallen to 12.3 % of turnover (2012: 14.4%). Overall the company is in a strong position to take advantage of future growth opportunities.

The net profit for the year of £850,183 is 4% higher than in 2012.

Other Key Performance Indicators used by the directors to monitor the business are not disclosed here as they are considered to be commercially sensitive.

The company only trades with recognised, creditworthy third parties. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure the company's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

In order to minimise the company's exposure to the volatility in exchange rate fluctuations, the management of the ultimate holding company regularly enter into forward exchange contracts on behalf of AVL United Kingdom Limited.

AVL United Kingdom Limited has had a positive cash flow during the year which has enabled the company to reduce amounts due to group companies and to make a short term loan to the group holding company.

The company has a healthy order book and cash position going into 2014 and is currently discussing with potential customers their plans for 2014 and beyond. The continuing commitment of the motor industry to undertake Research and Development work is viewed as a key risk to the company. The company is addressing this risk by working closer with its customers on added value efficiency projects.

Generally the company also benefits and is at risk from AVL group's relationship with its global customers.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S M Sweeney - Secretary

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## Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2013

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2013.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company in the year under review were those of design, supply, commissioning and service support of engine test facilities using AVL specialist instrumentation.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 December 2013.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2013 to the date of this report.

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### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 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.

### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Banks Sheridan, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S M Sweeney - Secretary

Date: 10 | 4 | 14

## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of AVL United Kingdom Ltd

We have audited the financial statements of AVL United Kingdom Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2013 on pages five to fifteen. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page three, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Darren Walley FCCA (Senior S

Darren Walley FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Banks Sheridan Datum House Electra Way Crewe Cheshire CW1 6ZF

Date: 11 - 4 - 14

## Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2013

Jotes	2013 £	2012 £
2		16,459,314
_		13,267,158
	3,182,107	3,192,156
	2,333,142	2,375,114
4	848,965	817,042
·	1,218	1,469
	850,183	818,511
5	124,172	79
	726,011	818,432
	4	18,967,521  15,785,414  3,182,107  2,333,142  4 848,965  1,218  850,183  5 124,172

### **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year.

## TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current year or previous year.

## Balance Sheet 31 December 2013

		201	3	201	2
N	lotes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				, ,	
Tangible assets	6		280,537		322,169
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	7	438,496		157,218	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	•	14,867,878		6,756,843	
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than		- 1,1,-1		-,,	
one year	8	476,126		600,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		361,819		36,183	
			-		
		16,144,319		7,550,244	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	12,342,601		4,493,618	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			3,801,718	_	3,056,626
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			4.092.255		2 279 705
LIABILITIES		•	4,082,255		3,378,795
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	11		422,717		445,268
NET ASSETS			3,659,538		2,933,527
NET ASSETS			=======================================		=======================================
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	12		6,680,000		6,680,000
Share premium	13		11,248		11,248
Profit and loss account	13	•	(3,031,710)		(3,757,721)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	18		3,659,538		2,933,527
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on its behalf by:

A Ciriello - Director

# Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2013

		2013	. 2012
	lotes	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1 .	4,885,388	1,150,231
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2	1,218	1,469
Taxation		(298)	(79)
Capital expenditure	2	(98,426)	(89,987)
L.		4,787,882	1,061,634
Financing	2	(4,462,246)	(1,132,715)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period		325,636	(71,081)
	·		
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	3	,	
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period		325,636	(71,081)
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows		325,636	(71,081)
Movement in net funds in the period Net funds at 1 January		325,636 36,183	(71,081) 107,264
Net funds at 31 December		361,819	36,183

## Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2013

# 1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

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		2013	2012
0		£	£
Operating profit		848,965	817,042 120,199
Depreciation charges		140,058 (22,551)	(25,436)
Decrease in provisions Change in payments on account		5,955,069	(1,018,883)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks		(281,278)	210,303
(Increase)/decrease in stocks (Increase)/decrease in debtors		(4,831,208)	2,078,629
Increase/(decrease in decitors		3,076,333	(1,031,623)
,		1 995 200	1 150 221
Net cash inflow from operating activities		4,885,388	1,150,231
ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NET	TTED IN THE CASE	I FLOW STAT	EMENT
		2013 £	2012 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	•		
Interest received		1,218	1,469
Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing	g of finance	1,218	1,469
Capital expenditure Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(98,426)	(89,987)
r dichase of faligible fixed assets		(98,420)	(69,987)
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure		(98,426) ====	(89,987)
Financing			
Amounts due to / from group companies		(4,462,246)	(1,132,715)
Net cash outflow from financing		(4,462,246)	(1,132,715) ======
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			
	At 1.1.13 -	Cash flow £	At 31.12.13 £
Net cash:		-	
Cash at bank and in hand	36,183	325,636	361,819
	36,183	325,636	361,819
Total	36,183	325,636	361,819

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the directors continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

#### Accounting convention

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

#### Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

The recognition of project income is explained below.

Income on annual maintenance contracts is recognised on the performance of services for customers. A provision for losses on annual maintenance contracts is made as soon as a loss is foreseen.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery

- at varying rates on cost

Office and computer equipment

at varying rates on cost

Motor vehicles

25% on cost

#### **Stocks**

Stock and work in progress are valued at lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. This allowance is based on the age of the stock. Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads. Stocks of spare parts relating to products no longer supported are not valued.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised where, in the opinion of the directors, it is more likely than not that sufficient taxable profits will be available in the future to facilitate their release.

Discounting of provisions for deferred tax or deferred tax assets is not applied.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

#### Warranty provision

A warranty provision is included to cover the labour element of warranty work outstanding at the balance sheet date. Parts to be used during warranty work are rechargeable to the holding company and are not included in the provision.

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2013

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### **Dilapidation costs**

A provision is made to cover the expected costs of making good property dilapidation where such work is required by the terms of the lease agreement.

#### **Projects**

The amount of profit attributable to the stage of completion of projects is recognised when the outcome of the project can be foreseen with reasonable certainty. Turnover for such projects is stated at cost appropriate to their stage of completion plus attributable profits, less amounts recognised in previous years. Provision is made for losses as soon as they are foreseen.

Project work in progress is stated at costs incurred, less those transferred to the profit and loss account, after deducting foreseeable losses and payments on account not matched with turnover.

#### 2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the principal activities of the company.

During the year the company made sales to overseas companies of £598,206 (2012 - £650,901).

### 3. STAFF COSTS

	2013 £	2012 £
Wages and salaries	3,117,392	2,860,533
Social security costs	382,478	358,968
Other pension costs	69,465	132,975
	3,569,335	3,352,476
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	2013	2012
Directors	2	2
Sales, service and administration	65	59
	67	61
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### 4. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2013 £	2012 £
Other operating leases	110,452	108,242
Depreciation - owned assets	140,058	120,199
Auditors' remuneration	26,000	25,750
Foreign exchange differences	(49,121)	132,956
Motor vehicle leasing	138,235	130,160
Fees payable to the company's auditor for other services	10,355	14,905
Directors' remuneration	252,744	185,526
Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	21,320	89,356

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2013

## 4. • OPERATING PROFIT - continued

Current tax charge

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The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follows:

The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follow	s:	
Money purchase schemes	1	1
Information regarding the highest paid director for the year ended 31 December 2	2013	s:
Emoluments etc Pension contributions to money purchase schemes	£ 252,744 21,320	
TAXATION		
Analysis of the tax charge The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:	2013 £	2012 £
Current tax: Adjustment relating to prior years	298	79
Deferred tax	123,874	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	124,172	79
Factors affecting the tax charge  The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax explained below:	x in the UK. Th	ne difference
	2013	2012
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	£ 850,183	£ 818,511
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23.250% (2012 - 24.500%)	197,668	200,535
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Utilisation of tax losses Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods Tax not recognised on interest received Other short term timing differences	8,150 (45,651) (159,884) 298 (283)	6,808 (67,598) (132,035) 79 (360) (7,350)

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2013

### 5. TAXATION - continued

### Factors that may affect future tax charges

The company has tax losses in the region of £1,059,000 available to offset future trading profits. The company expects that sufficient suitable taxable profits will be available in the foreseeable future to utilise these losses.

The deferred tax asset consists of the tax effect of the following timing differences:

•	•		,	2013 £	2012 .£
	Losses available to offset against futur			222,430	374,000
	Excess of depreciation over taxation a	llowances on fixed assets		253,696	226,000
				476,126	600,000
6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
0.	TAINGIBLE FIRED ROOD TO		Office and		
		Plant and machinery	computer equipment	Motor vehicles	Totals
	COST	£	£	£	£
	At 1 January 2013	779,712	975,042	18,046	1,772,800
	Additions	72,827	25,599		98,426
	At 31 December 2013	852,539	1,000,641	18,046	1,871,226
	DEPRECIATION				
	At 1 January 2013	726,696	716,630	7,305	1,450,631
	Charge for year	27,325	108,221	4,512	140,058
	At 31 December 2013	754,021	824,851	11,817	1,590,689
	NET BOOK VALUE				
	At 31 December 2013	98,518	175,790	6,229	280,537
	At 31 December 2012	53,016	258,412	10,741	322,169
7.	STOCKS				·
				2013 ·	2012 £
	Stocks			373,190	43,196
	Project work-in-progress			65,306	114,022
				438,496	157,218

The replacement value of stocks excluding work-in-progress is in the region of £650,000 (2012: £320,000).

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2013

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DEBTORS	2013	2012
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Frade debtors	10,382,570	5,909,813
Amounts recoverable on		404 470
rojects	880,965	481,479
Other debtors	14,902	69,310
Amounts due from group companies	1,594,449	214,622
AVL List GmbH loan	1,900,000	
Amounts due from holding company	1,000	1,000
Prepayments and accrued income	93,992	80,619
	14,867,878	6,756,843
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Deferred tax asset	476,126	600,000
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Aggregate amounts	15,344,004	7,356,843
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2013	2012
	£	£,
Frade creditors	304,071	103,612
Social security and other taxes	125,605	122,347
VAT .	1,776,572	606,333
Other creditors	1,816,372	163,969
Amounts due to group companies	87,058	1,269,477
Payments on account	7,858,775	1,903,706
Accruals	374,148	324,174
	12,342,601	4,493,618

#### **OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS** 10.

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year:

	Land and buildings		Other operating lease	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	£	£	£	£
Expiring:				
Within one year	9,850	57,677	26,674	26,262
Between one and five years	110,283	23,000	136,871	98,230
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	120,133	80,677	163,545	124,492
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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2013

### 11. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

O. I.	2013 £	2012 £
Other provisions Warranty provision Provision for foreseeable	303,000	301,000
losses Provision for dilapidations	19,217 100,500	64,268 80,000
	422,717	445,268
Balance at 1 January 2013 Utilised in the year New provision in the year		Other provisions £ 445,268 (284,723) 262,172
Balance at 31 December 2013		422,717

The warranty and foreseeable loss provisions are made in accordance with the company's accounting policies disclosed in note 1. The majority of the warranty provision and all the loss provision is expected to be utilised in the next financial year.

A provision of £100,500 (2012: £80,000) has been recognised for the future cost of making good dilapidations on leasehold properties. This expenditure is expected to be incurred when the leases expire in 2015.

### 12. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, issu	ed and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal	2013	2012
		value:	£	£
6,680,000	Ordinary	£1	6,680,000	6,680,000

### 13. RESERVES

	Profit and loss account £	Share premium £	Totals £
At 1 January 2013 Profit for the year	(3,757,721) 726,011	11,248	(3,746,473)
At 31 December 2013	(3,031,710)	11,248	(3,020,462)

#### 14. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The share capital is owned by AVL UK Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The ultimate holding company is AVL List GmbH, a company registered in Austria.

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2013

### 15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Bank have given a guarantee to a customer of AVL United Kingdom Limited dated 20 December 2013 to the limit of £360,000. This guarantee is supported by a £360,000 cash deposit which is shown within cash at bank and in hand.

### 16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

•		,	2013	. 2012
			£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the	ı			
financial statements			•	7,822
	•			===

### 17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

No related party disclosures are given in respect of transactions with group companies as the company is included in the consolidated accounts of AVL List GmbH. There are no related parties other than group companies.

### 18. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2013 £	2012 £
Profit for the financial year	726,011	818,432
Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	726,011 2,933,527	818,432 2,115,095
Closing shareholders' funds	3,659,538	2,933,527