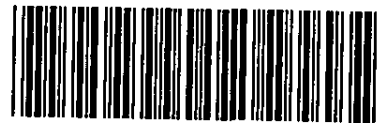


**Maplin Electronics Limited**

**Directors' report and financial  
statements**

Registered number 01264385  
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## **Directors and Company information**

### **Directors**

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P E Heath  
M C Lin  
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M G Lucas  
O J Meakin  
S J Roach  
E M Smith  
C Webb  
M P Dunfoy

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## Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the 52 weeks ended 29 December 2012

### Principal activities of the company

The principal activity of Maplin Electronics Limited is the retail of electronic and electrical products. The business operates through three channels, namely retail outlets, internet and mail order, the latter servicing both the consumer and business markets. The Maplin Electronics Catalogue is the market leading publication of its kind.

### Review of the business and future developments

The business offers a wide range of products which make up a unique proposition consisting of many items that are not otherwise readily available on the High Street. It continues to focus on delivering unrivalled technical expertise and customer advice in store, which the business considers to be a key point of difference in this sector. In addition it is focussed on continually improving its customer service and integration of its multichannel offer to give the customer ultimate flexibility and ease of shopping via its different sales channels and numerous delivery options.

### Trading Performance

Total company sales increased from £205m in the prior year to £214m this year with 9 new stores having been opened during the period. The retail environment continues to be very difficult and as a result of lower footfall transactions fell by 1.2% on a like for like basis, however this is a marked improvement on the transaction decline seen in recent years. Further, average transaction value grew on a like for like basis in stores by 1.1% and by 1.0% across the company as a whole. This resulted in the company-wide underlying like for like sales for the year being broadly flat (-0.2%).

The store network delivered total sales 4.1% ahead of the prior year (2011 2.8% behind), driven by sales made in new stores opened in the current and prior years. Like for like sales in stores were 0.7% behind the prior year (2011 5.6% behind), a credible performance and the best LFL result since 2008.

The internet channel achieved total sales 5.9% ahead of the prior year. The business continued to develop and invest in its transactional internet site ([www.maplin.co.uk](http://www.maplin.co.uk)) and considers this a critical component to delivering its multichannel offer.

The mail order business finished the period with sales on a like for like basis 3.1% ahead. An increase in sales to other businesses and government bodies offset the on-going decline in the number of mail order transactions to individuals. This decline is a result of the increasing area covered by the expanding store network and the gradual shift in the way people choose to shop, in addition to the generally difficult consumer environment.

The company continues to review its product range and invest in its multi-channel shopping offer whilst maximising the efficiency of its operations. The result of this focus and the ongoing strategy to expand the store network has been to deliver operating profit of £16.2m (2011 £24.7m).

### Store expansion programme

The business continued with a significant store expansion programme. During the period, the business successfully opened 9 (2011 13) new stores, bringing the total number of Maplin stores in the UK and the Republic of Ireland to 203. The store opening programme is set to continue in 2013 with the planned opening of a further 27 new stores.

### Other investment activity

The business will continue to implement a strategy of significant on-going investment into the internet channel to enhance the site and the wider ecommerce offer.

The company also continues to improve and expand its product range both in store and via its ecommerce and mail order channels. Furthermore the company is investing to maximise the store operations and improve the customers' shopping experience by improving on-shelf availability and revisiting how its stores are laid out.

The biggest risk to the business in the foreseeable future remains consumer confidence. However the company is extremely well positioned to withstand a continued downturn owing to its high return on sales and excellent cash generation, which enables it to continue investing in the business and growing the store network.

At the reporting date the Company had cash at bank of £17.0m (2011 £25.8m). These funds were principally generated through operations and are net of the significant amount of cash proceeds from operating activities that was reinvested back into the business, with significant spends on the continued expansion of the store network, infrastructure and repayments of the group finance facilities in excess of that scheduled.

## Directors' report (continued)

During the year, a new £20m Revolving Credit Facility ('RCF') was agreed with Lloyds Banking Group, in order to fund working capital requirements. At year end, £12.5m had been drawn down on this facility, which was subsequently repaid in January 2013.

The Company has processes and procedures in place to ensure compliance with all relevant environmental duties and regulations.

### Dividends

No dividends are proposed (2011: £nil)

### Policy and practice on payment of creditors

The Company recognises the importance of maintaining good business relationships with its suppliers and aims to pay all invoices within agreed terms. At the year end there were 26 days (2011: 29 days) purchases in trade creditors.

### Overseas branches

The Company continued during the period to source products through its overseas branch in Taiwan and through Maplin Electronics (HK) Limited, its subsidiary in Hong Kong and China.

### Key performance indicators

The Company has a number of key performance indicators, both financial and non-financial, that are used to manage the business.

	29 December 2012	31 December 2011
Stock days	150	158
Core Stock Availability	94.9%	94.3%
EBITDA	9.6%	14.1%

(EBITDA being earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation)

### Directors and directors' interests

The directors who served during the period were as follows:

J B Cleland	(appointed 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2012)
J R Codling	(resigned 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2013)
P E Heath	
M C Lin	
J D Lovering	
S J Roach	
E M Smith	
C Webb	
D I Whittle	(resigned 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2012)
M G Lucas	(appointed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2012)
O J Meakin	(appointed 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2012)
R M Thomas	(appointed 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2012, resigned 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2013)
M P Dunfoy	(appointed 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2013)
D J O'Reilly	(resigned 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2012)
S F Pooler	(resigned 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2012)

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Maplin Electronics (Holdings) Limited whose parent Company is Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Ltd.

## Employees

It is the board's policy to pursue open communication with employees and, to this end, regular meetings are held with management to convey information about the business

The Company gives full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by disabled persons, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. Systems are in place to prevent discrimination. Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Company's policy, wherever practicable, to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development opportunities where appropriate.

## Political and charitable contributions

The Company made charitable donations of £33,000 (2011 £15,000) and no political donations (2011 £nil) during the period. Charitable support was given locally to The Barnsley Hospice.

## Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

## Auditor

In accordance with Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as auditor of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board



J Cleland  
Director

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30th April 2013

## **Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements**

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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### **Independent auditor's report to the members of Maplin Electronics Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Maplin Electronics Limited for the year ended 29 December 2012 set out on pages 8 to 23. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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.

#### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

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. 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**

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate).

#### **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 29 December 2012 and of its profit for the period then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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



**Independent auditor's report to the members of Maplin Electronics Limited  
(continued)**

**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



**Chris Hearld** (Senior Statutory Auditor)

**for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor**

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*3<sup>th</sup> April* 2013

**Profit and loss account**  
*for the 52 weeks ended 29 December 2012*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000</b>	<b>52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000</b>
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>213,518</b>	<b>205,025</b>
Cost of sales		(109,540)	(99,405)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>103,978</b>	<b>105,620</b>
Distribution costs		(33,222)	(30,737)
Administrative expenses		(55,072)	(50,678)
Other operating income		501	524
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16,185</b>	<b>24,729</b>
Other interest receivable and similar income	6	94	133
Interest payable	7	(86)	(78)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>16,193</b>	<b>24,784</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(3,768)	(7,510)
<b>Profit for the financial period</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12,425</b>	<b>17,274</b>

There are no recognised gains and losses other than the profit for the financial period stated above. The profit is derived entirely from continuing operations.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial period stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

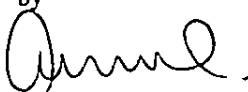
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**Balance sheet**  
as at 29 December 2012

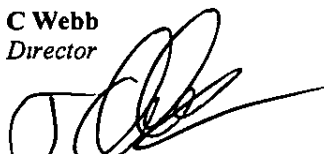
	Note	29 December 2012		31 December 2011	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	9		28,121		27,310
Investments	10		17		17
			<u>28,138</u>		<u>27,327</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	11	39,057		35,412	
Debtors	12	177,383		145,678	
Cash at bank and in hand		17,047		25,815	
		<u>233,487</u>		<u>206,905</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(102,791)</u>		<u>(88,924)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>130,696</u>		<u>117,981</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>158,834</u>		<u>145,308</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	14		(237)		(130)
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>	16		(2,461)		(1,467)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>156,136</u>		<u>143,711</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	19		420		420
Share premium	20		429		429
Profit and loss account	20		155,287		142,862
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>			<u>156,136</u>		<u>143,711</u>

Notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of the financial statements

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 30th April 2013 and were signed on its behalf by



**C Webb**  
Director



**J-B Cleland**  
Director

**Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds**  
*for the 52 weeks ended 29 December 2012*

	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000
<b>Profit for the financial period</b>	<b>12,425</b>	<b>17,274</b>
<b>Addition to shareholders' funds</b>	<b>12,425</b>	<b>17,274</b>
Opening shareholders' funds	143,711	126,437
<b>Closing shareholders' funds</b>	<b>156,136</b>	<b>143,711</b>

Notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of the financial statements

## Notes to the financial statements

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements, except as noted below. The Directors consider it appropriate to prepare these financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### *Basis of preparation*

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

The Company is exempt by virtue of s400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties). The consolidated financial statements of Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited, within which this Company is included, can be obtained from Brookfields Way, Manvers, Wath-upon-Deane, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S63 5DL.

#### *Depreciation of tangible fixed assets*

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold buildings	- 2% per annum
Long leasehold property and improvements	- shorter of the break clause or end of lease term
Short leasehold property and improvements	- shorter of the break clause or end of lease term
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	- 15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Internet	- 33% on cost

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

#### *Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction or at hedged rates, where applicable. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the period end rates or hedged rates, where applicable. All exchange differences thus arising are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

#### *Post retirement benefits*

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Taxation*

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the period and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred tax is recognised without discounting in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed at the balance sheet date except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

#### *Classification of financial instruments issued by the Company*

Financial instruments issued by the Company are treated as equity (i.e. forming part of shareholders' funds) only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- a) they include no contractual obligations upon the Company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the Company, and
- b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the Company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the Company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the Company's exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the Company's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

Finance payments associated with financial liabilities are dealt with as part of interest payable and similar charges. Finance payments associated with financial instruments that are classified as part of shareholders' funds (see dividends policy), are dealt with as appropriations in the reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds.

Fees attributable to the raising of finance are deducted from the amount of the finance and then released as a finance cost in the profit and loss account over the duration of the financial instrument.

#### *Stocks*

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In determining the cost of raw materials, consumables and goods purchased for resale, the weighted average purchase price is used. Cost comprises purchase price and all other directly attributable costs.

#### *Leases*

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. The interest element of any lease is charged to the profit and loss account using a reducing balance method. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease. Incentives from lessors are recognised as a systematic reduction in the charge to the profit and loss account over the shorter of the lease term, period to first lease break, or period to first rent review.

#### *Cash*

Cash comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts payable on demand.

#### *Provisions*

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, where it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and where a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of obligation.

## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Long term incentive plans*

The Company operates long term incentive plans for certain key executives under which amounts are receivable upon the sale of the Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited ("MEGH") Company. These plans are not linked to the underlying value upon sale, and are therefore treated in accordance with the provisions of FRS 12 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*.

#### *Turnover*

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of goods and services to third party customers less discounts and any provisions for returns. Sales are recognised on despatch.

### 2 Turnover

	<b>Total turnover</b>	
	<b>52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000</b>	<b>52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000</b>
By activity		
Stores	193,802	186,266
Internet	14,369	13,577
Mail Order	5,347	5,182
	<hr/> 213,518 <hr/>	<hr/> 205,025 <hr/>
By destination		
United Kingdom	205,684	196,973
Other	7,834	8,052
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By origin		
United Kingdom	205,737	197,038
Other	7,781	7,987
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## Notes (continued)

### 3 Operating profit

	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Depreciation of owned assets	4,096	4,183
Depreciation of asset held under finance leases	49	85
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	65	56
Operating lease costs – land and buildings	18,137	17,418
Operating lease costs - other	127	131
Hire of plant and machinery	13	11
(Gain) / Loss on foreign exchange	(8)	49
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

#### Auditor remuneration:

	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000
Amounts receivable by the auditor and their associates in respect of		
Audit of these financial statements	51	51
Tax compliance	12	8
All other tax advisory services	142	8
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 4 Remuneration of directors

	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000
Directors' emoluments	1,138	975
Amounts paid to third parties in respect of directors' services	367	198
Compensation for loss of office	440	430
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	82	74
Company contributions to defined benefit pension schemes	7	6
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The aggregate of emoluments, compensation for loss of office and amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes of the highest paid director was £425,000 (2011 £391,000), and company pension contributions of £16,000 (2011 £nil) were made to a money purchase scheme on his behalf

	Number of directors 52 weeks ended 29 December 2012	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011
Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under		
Money purchase schemes	6	5
Defined benefit schemes	1	1
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>



## Notes (continued)

### 4 Remuneration of directors (continued)

#### *Discretionary executive bonus plan*

The Company operates long term incentive plans for certain key executives under which amounts are receivable upon the sale of the Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited ('MEGH') company. These plans are not linked to the underlying value upon sale, and are therefore treated in accordance with the provisions of FRS 12 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*.

The charge included in operating profit for the period ended 29 December 2012 in respect of this plan is £nil (2011 £nil) as a trigger event relating to the potential sale of the business has not taken place either during the period, nor since the end of the period.

### 5 Staff numbers and costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows

	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000
Wages and salaries	32,504	29,575
Social security costs	2,420	2,381
Other pension costs	219	249
	<u>35,143</u>	<u>32,205</u>

The average number of full time equivalents employed by the Company (including directors) during the period, analysed by location, was as follows

	Number of full time equivalents	
	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011
UK & Ireland	1,866	1,771
Taiwan	12	12
	<u>1,878</u>	<u>1,783</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company (including directors) during the period, analysed by location, was as follows

	Number of employees	
	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011
UK & Ireland	2,411	2,241
Taiwan	12	12
	<u>2,423</u>	<u>2,253</u>

## Notes (continued)

### 6 Interest receivable

	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000
Bank interest receivable from Group banking arrangements	94	133

### 7 Interest payable

	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000
Bank overdraft / revolving credit facility	71	-
Interest on finance leases / other interest paid	15	15
Interest on late taxes	-	63
	86	78

### 8 Taxation

	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012		52 weeks ended 31 December 2011	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<i>Analysis of charge in period</i>				
<i>UK corporation tax</i>				
Current tax on income for the period	3,969		7,545	
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(1,124)	2,845	(11)	7,534
<i>Foreign tax</i>				
Current tax on income for the period	190		244	
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	8	198	(50)	194
Total current tax		3,043		7,728
<i>Deferred tax</i>				
Origination / reversal of timing differences	202		(268)	
Effect of increased / decreased tax rate	(59)		(5)	
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	582	725	55	(218)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		3,768		7,510

## Notes (continued)

### 8 Taxation (continued)

#### Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period

The current tax charge for the period is lower (2011 higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24.5% (2011 26.5%). The differences are explained below

	52 weeks ended 29 December 2012 £'000	52 weeks ended 31 December 2011 £'000
<i>Current tax reconciliation</i>		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	16,193	24,784
Current tax at 24.5% (2011 26.5%)	3,967	6,568
<i>Effects of</i>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes (primarily non qualifying depreciation)	393	453
Fixed asset timing differences	(192)	744
Short term timing differences	(9)	23
Overseas tax not at standard rate	-	-
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	(1,116)	(60)
Total current tax charge (see above)	3,043	7,728

#### Factors affecting the tax charge for the future periods

The Autumn Statement on 5 December 2012 announced that the UK corporation tax rate will reduce to 21% by 2014. A reduction in the rate from 26% to 25% (effective from 1 April 2012) was substantively enacted on 5 July 2011, and further reductions to 24% (effective from 1 April 2012) and 23% (effective from 1 April 2013) were substantively enacted on 26 March 2012 and 3 July 2012 respectively.

This will reduce the company's future current tax charge accordingly. The deferred tax liability at £725,000 has been calculated based on the rate of 23% substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

**Notes (continued)**

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Leasehold property and improvements £'000	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment £'000	Computer equipment and motor vehicles £'000	Total £'000
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
At beginning of period	1,848	35,023	16,668	6,680	60,219
Additions	-	2,719	1,520	817	5,056
Disposals	(20)	(399)	(241)	(83)	(743)
At end of period	1,828	37,343	17,947	7,414	64,532
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At beginning of period	751	16,180	9,851	6,127	32,909
Charge for the period	35	2,708	1,096	306	4,145
Disposals	(2)	(378)	(212)	(51)	(643)
At end of period	784	18,510	10,735	6,382	36,411
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 29 December 2012	1,044	18,833	7,212	1,032	28,121
At 1 January 2012	1,097	18,843	6,817	553	27,310

The net book amount of fixed assets at 29 December 2012 includes an amount of £255,070 (2011 £195,113) in respect of assets held under finance leases. The related depreciation charge for the period was £73,128 (2011 £85,304).

Leasehold property includes a long lease with a net book value at 29 December 2012 of £206,268 (2011 £134,433).

Included in leasehold property, fixtures and fittings and computer equipment at 29 December 2012 is £517,746, £260,799 and £220,532 respectively (2011 Leasehold property £198,135, Fixtures and fittings £144,967 and Computer equipment £24,968) for additions relating to assets not yet in use against which no depreciation has been charged.

Included in freehold land and buildings at 29 December 2012 is freehold land with a net book value of £90,000 (2011 £90,000), which is not depreciated.

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### 10 Investments

#### Investment in subsidiaries

At 29 December 2012 and 31 December 2011

£'000  
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<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Country of Incorporation</i>	<i>Holding</i>	<i>Proportion held</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Maplin Electronics (HK) Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary shares	100%	Buying, sourcing quality control and shipping of products

### 11 Stock

	29 December 2012 £'000	31 December 2011 £'000
Finished goods and goods held for resale	39,057	35,412

### 12 Debtors

	29 December 2012 £'000	31 December 2011 £'000
Trade debtors	685	435
Amounts due from group undertakings	168,714	137,667
Overseas taxation	28	10
Other debtors	249	55
Prepayments and accrued income	7,707	7,511
	177,383	145,678

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	29 December 2012 £'000	31 December 2011 £'000
Payments on account	733	500
Trade creditors	11,744	10,763
Accruals and deferred income	16,686	14,308
Group relief payable	54,951	58,071
Corporation tax payable	1,247	-
Taxation and social security	4,785	5,208
Amounts payable under finance leases	90	74
Borrowings Revolving Credit Facility (see note 15)	12,555	-
	102,791	88,924

## Notes (continued)

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	29 December 2012 £'000	31 December 2011 £'000
Amounts payable under finance leases	237	130

### 15 Financial instruments

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are liquidity risk, credit risk and foreign exchange risk

#### *Liquidity risk*

Cash resources are largely and normally generated through operations. The Company's policy is to maintain a balance of funds sufficient to meet anticipated short term and long term financial requirements.

#### *Credit risk*

Management has a credit policy in place whereby risk is managed through an ongoing review of exposure to credit risk.

#### *Foreign exchange risk*

The Company is exposed to foreign currency risk on sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than sterling. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily HK Dollars, US Dollars, New Taiwan Dollars and Euros.

The Company's policy is to cover significant foreign currency commitments in respect of HK Dollar and US Dollar trade payables by using a mixture of forward foreign currency contracts and options.

#### *Effective interest rates and maturity of liabilities*

	Fixed or variable rate	Effective Interest rate %	Total £'000	1 year or less £'000	1 – 2 years £'000	2 – 5 years £'000
Cash and cash equivalents	Variable	0.5	17,047	17,047		
Revolving Credit Facility	Variable	2.4	(12,555)	(12,555)		
Finance lease liabilities	Fixed	4.5	(327)	(90)	(84)	(153)
			<u>4,165</u>	<u>4,402</u>	<u>(84)</u>	<u>(153)</u>

During the year a new £20m Revolving Credit Facility ('RCF') was agreed with Lloyds Banking Group. Drawdowns under this facility are secured against the assets of the group, and are repayable at the end of the drawdown period (maximum of six months), but can be rolled over subject to an annual cleardown test. £12.5m of this facility was drawn down at year end to cover working capital requirements, and was repaid in full in January 2013.

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### 16 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Property provisions	Taxation including deferred taxation	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
At beginning of period	1,467	-	1,467
Charge in the period	354	725	1,079
Utilised in the period	(85)	-	(85)
At end of period	<u>1,736</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>2,461</u>

The property provisions relate to a dilapidations provision and an onerous lease provision. The dilapidations provision is built up by property over the life of each lease, with additional specific provisions made as necessary. Cash spend is typically incurred around the lease end date if a schedule of dilapidations is agreed with the property landlord. The onerous lease provision relates to one empty store and will unwind against rent payments being made until the lease ends in 2014, the balance of the onerous lease provision was £30,000 at the beginning of the period, reducing to £17,000 by the end of the period.

The elements of deferred taxation are as follows:

	29 December 2012 £'000	31 December 2011 £'000
Difference between accumulated depreciation and amortisation and capital allowances	808	-
Other timing differences	(83)	-
Undiscounted provision	<u>725</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred tax liability	<u>725</u>	<u>-</u>

The Company has an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £nil (2011: £471,000).

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### 17 Commitments

- (a) Capital commitments at the end of the financial period, for which no provision has been made, are as follows

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Contracted	168	89

- (b) As at the period end the Company has annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

	Land and buildings		Other	
	2012 £'000	2011 £'000	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Operating leases which expire				
Within one year	488	472	23	52
In two to five years	3,485	2,657	122	60
In over five years	18,059	16,644	-	-
	<u>22,032</u>	<u>19,773</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>112</u>

### 18 Related party guarantees

The ultimate parent undertaking, Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited, no longer has any loans which are secured on the assets of the group. At 31 December 2011, these loans amounted to £31m, before being repaid in full during the year.

### 19 Share capital

	2012		2011	
	No	£'000	No	£'000
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid:</i>				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	70,000	70	70,000	70
Redeemable ordinary shares of £1 each	350,000	350	350,000	350
	<u>420,000</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>420,000</u>	<u>420</u>

The redeemable ordinary shares of £1 nominal value rank pari passu with the ordinary shares, except that the redeemable ordinary shares may be redeemed at par at the option of either the Company or the holder at any time.



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### 20 Share premium and reserves

	Share premium	Profit and loss account
	£'000	£'000
At beginning of period	429	142,862
Profit for the financial period	-	12,425
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>155,287</b>

### 21 Pension scheme

Maplin Electronics Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited, is the sponsoring employer of The Maplin Electronics Group Personal Pension Scheme, a defined contribution money purchase scheme. Of the pension cost charge for the period, £190,000 (2011 £175,000), represents contributions payable by the Group into the defined contribution scheme.

The Taiwan branch of Maplin Electronics Limited is the sponsoring employer of a defined benefit pension scheme which currently has a fund deficit of £136,000 (2011 £74,000), for which a provision of £86,000 has been made within Accruals and deferred income. The charge for the period of £26,000 (2011 £72,000) represents contributions payable by the Group to the fund.

### 22 Ultimate parent company and parent undertaking of larger group of which the company is a member

The ultimate controlling party is Montagu Private Equity LLP as a result of the size of their shareholding in Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited.

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of Maplin Electronics (Holdings) Limited.

The smallest and largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited. The consolidated accounts of this Company are available to the public from the registered office.