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SENSIENT HOLDINGS UK

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 December 2017**



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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2017

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B M Conners
L C Watson

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STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their Strategic Report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Principal activities and review of the business

Sensient Holdings UK acts as the holding company for the European operation of the flavours and colours activities of the Sensient Technologies Corporation group, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

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

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000	Change
Interest payable net of interest receivable	(185)	(171)	(8)%
Profit after tax	3,981	3,173	25%
Current assets as % of current liabilities	344%	306%	12%

Interest payable net of interest receivable increased by 8% as a result of fluctuations in intergroup balances in the year.

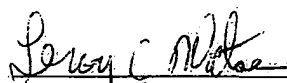
The company received dividends of £3,500,000 from its subsidiary undertaking, Sensient Colors UK Ltd (2016: £2,896,999 from its subsidiary undertakings, Sensient Colors UK Ltd [£1,450,000] and Sensient Flavours Belgium NV [£1,446,999]), resulting in an increase in profit after tax.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risk and uncertainty facing the company is liquidity risk.

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the company uses a mixture of long-term and short-term intercompany debt finance.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board


L C Watson
Director
Date: December 10, 2018

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Results and dividends

The profit after tax for the year of £3,980,517 (2016: £3,173,028) is dealt with in the profit and loss account on page 7. The company declared and paid no dividend for the year (2016: £0).

Directors

The directors who served during the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

L C Watson
B M Connors

Directors' qualifying third party provisions

The company has granted an indemnity to one or more of its directors against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision remains in force as at the date of approving the directors' report.

Disclosure of information to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the company's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Future developments

The company expects to continue to operate as a holding company with financing costs at similar market rates.

Going concern

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, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Reappointment of auditor

The auditor, Ernst & Young LLP, is deemed to be reappointed in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006 by virtue of an elective resolution passed by members on 9 September 1994.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board.



L C Watson
Director

Date: December 10, 2018

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the 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 those 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 proper 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SENSIENT HOLDINGS UK

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sensient Holdings UK for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 12, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SENSIENT HOLDINGS UK (continued)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SENSIENT HOLDINGS UK (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.



Chris Gilbert (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

City: BELSTON

Date: 20 December 2018

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
Year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Administrative income		670,914	508,018
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OPERATING PROFIT	2	670,914	508,018
Income from fixed asset investments	7	3,500,000	2,896,999
Impairment of fixed asset investments	7	-	(60,932)
Loss on sale of fixed assets		(5,757)	
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(223,985)	(196,580)
Interest receivable and similar income	5	39,345	25,523
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PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		3,980,517	3,173,028
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	-	-
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PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		3,980,517	3,173,028
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All results derive from continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
Year ended 31 December 2017

There are no gains or losses during either the current or prior year, other than those presented in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no separate statement of comprehensive income has been presented.


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BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	7	<u>25,817,631</u>	<u>25,865,636</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	18,163,465	13,880,401
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(5,285,372)</u>	<u>(4,533,179)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>12,878,093</u>	<u>9,347,222</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		38,695,724	35,212,858
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	<u>(8,356,751)</u>	<u>(8,854,403)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>30,338,973</u>	<u>26,358,455</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	11	10,000,000	10,000,000
Capital contribution		4,787,374	4,787,374
Profit and loss account		15,551,599	11,571,081
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>30,338,973</u>	<u>26,358,455</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors


L C Watson
Director
Date: December 10, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
Year ended 31 December 2017

	Called-up share capital £	Share premium account £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 31 December 2015	10,000,000	4,787,374	8,398,054	23,185,428
Profit for the financial year	-	-	3,173,028	3,173,028
Total comprehensive income	-	-	3,173,028	3,173,028
At 31 December 2016	10,000,000	4,787,374	11,571,082	26,358,456
Profit for the financial year	-	-	3,980,517	3,980,517
Total comprehensive income	-	-	3,980,517	3,980,517
At 31 December 2017	10,000,000	4,787,374	15,551,599	30,338,973

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 December 2017

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

General information and basis of accounting

Sensient Holdings UK is a company incorporated in England. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the strategic report on page 2.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The functional currency of Sensient Holdings UK is considered to be pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The financial statements are also presented in pounds sterling. Foreign operations are included in accordance with the policies set out below.

Sensient Holdings UK meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it. Sensient Holdings UK is consolidated in the financial statements of its ultimate parent, Sensient Technologies Corporation, which are publicly available.

Exemptions from disclosure have been taken in relation to:

- the requirement to disclose a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the year;
- the preparation of a statement of cash flows;
- financial instruments;
- share-based payments;
- intra-group transactions; and
- remuneration of key management personnel.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going Concern

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Group accounts

The company is a subsidiary of Sensient Technologies Corporation, a company incorporated in the United States of America. The company has therefore taken advantage of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group financial statements. The financial statements therefore present information about the company only.

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any impairment in value.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rate ruling at that date. These transactions are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The following critical judgements have been made:

- all intercompany receivable amounts are correct and confirmed as payable by the intercompany affiliate;
- all fixed assets held have been reviewed for impairment, no adjustments have been made.

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

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2. OPERATING PROFIT

	2017	2016
	£	£
Operating profit is stated after (charging)/crediting:		
Professional expenses	-	(22,600)
Foreign exchange gain	670,914	530,618

The auditor's remuneration for the audit of the financial statements has been borne by a fellow group company in both the current and the preceding year.

3. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The company had no employees in either the current or the prior year and hence no staff costs.

The directors received no remuneration for their services to the company in the year and in the preceding financial year.

	2017	2016
	No.	No.
Number of directors accruing benefits under a money purchase scheme*	2	2

* Costs associated with these schemes are borne by other group undertakings.

A fellow subsidiary undertaking, Sensient Colors UK Ltd, was charged a management fee of £247,037 (2016: £285,142) in respect of UK administration costs by Sensient Technologies Corporation, the company's ultimate parent company, which includes directors' remuneration for 2 (2016: 2) of the company's directors which it is not possible to identify separately.

4. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2017	2016
	£	£
Intercompany interest payable	223,985	196,580

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
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5. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2017	2016
	£	£
Intercompany interest receivable	13,692	6,565
Other interest receivable	25,653	18,958
	<u>39,345</u>	<u>25,523</u>

6. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

a) Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The tax charge is made up as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
United Kingdom Corporation tax	-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

b) The charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit per the profit and loss account as follows:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax for the period is 19.25% (2016: 20%). The differences are reconciled below:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>3,980,517</u>	<u>3,173,028</u>
Tax at 19.25% (2016: 20%) thereon:	766,113	634,605
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,108	12,187
Income not taxable	(673,630)	(579,400)
Effects of Group relief/other reliefs	(93,591)	(40,100)
Deferred tax not provided	-	(27,292)
Total tax for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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6. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

c).Deferred tax

A deferred tax asset of £1,700,000 (17% of £10,037,000) has not been recognised in Sensient Holdings UK Ltd on capital losses carried forward as we are not aware of any future chargeable gains.

d) Factors that may affect the future tax charge

The reduction in the UK corporation tax rate to 19% (effective 1 April 2017) and to 18% (effective 1 April 2020) were substantively enacted on 26 October 2015 and a further reduction to 17% was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016. The current tax rate used in the year ended 31 December 2017 is therefore 19.25% and the rate used for closing deferred tax balances is 17.00%.

7. INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS

	Shares in subsidiaries
	£
Costs	
At 1 January 2017	48,486,377
Sale of Strasbourg investment	<u>(108,937)</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>48,377,440</u>
Provisions for impairment in investments	
At 1 January 2017	22,620,741
Disposal of Strasbourg Investment	<u>(60,932)</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>22,559,809</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2017	25,817,631
At 31 December 2016	25,865,636

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7. INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS (continued)

Income from fixed asset investments

Dividend income in the year received, Sensient Colors UK Ltd 3,500,000

Interests in subsidiaries

The company owns directly (+) or indirectly 100% of the shares in the subsidiaries listed below:

* All Pointing sub-group companies are listed.

Company	Main activities	Incorporated in
Sensient Flavors Limited Bilton Road, Bleckley, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK1 1HP	+ Manufacture and sale of flavouring ingredients for the food industry	Great Britain
Sensient Colors U.K. Limited Oldmedow Road, Hardwick Industrial Estate, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 4LA	+ Manufacture and sale of colours	Great Britain
Sensient Technologies Limited 7 Pilgrim Street, London, EC4V 6LB	+ Holds loan notes	Great Britain
Sensient Flavors Belgium N.V. Interleuvenlaan 37 B-3001 Heverlee	+ Manufacture and sale of flavouring ingredients for the food industry	Belgium
* Pointing Holdings Limited Oldmedow Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 4LA	Holding company	Great Britain

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7. INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS (continued)

Interests in subsidiaries (continued)

Company	Main activities	Incorporated in
* Pointing Limited Oldmedow Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 4LA	No longer trading	Great Britain
* Pointing International Limited Oldmedow Road, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 4LA	Intermediate holding company	Great Britain
* Pointing Colors Inc 2515 N. Jefferson Ave. St. Louis, MO 63106-1939	Intermediate holding company	USA
* Sensient Colors South Africa PTY Ltd 11 Mastiff Road, Longlake Extension I Linbro Park, Sandton, 608	Manufacture and sale of colours	South Africa
* Sensient Food Colors L.P. 2515 N. Jefferson Ave. St. Louis, MO 63106-1939	No longer trading	USA

8. DEBTORS

	2017	2016
	£	£
Loan notes owed by group companies	4,121,367	3,954,257
Amounts owed by group companies	14,042,098	9,926,144
	<u>18,163,465</u>	<u>13,880,401</u>

Loans Notes owed by group companies is comprised of an unsecured loan note of EUR 4,639,323 repayable on demand and interest is charged at LIBOR plus 0.25%.

Amounts owed by group companies includes £10,562,217 on an intercompany deposit held under the cash arrangements within the group. The remainder of the amount and repayment due from subsidiary companies are payable on demand.

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2017 £	2016 £
Amounts owed to group companies	4,857,073	3,831,934
Taxes payable	428,299	701,245
	<u>5,285,372</u>	<u>4,533,179</u>

Amounts owed to group companies represents a liability due to a subsidiary company, which is interest free and repayable on demand.

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2017 £	2016 £
Loans – from group companies	<u>8,356,751</u>	<u>8,854,403</u>

An unsecured loan of £8,356,751 is extended indefinitely in 2-yearly intervals unless notified by the lender upon 30 days' notice prior to any future extension or maturity date; interest was charged at LIBOR plus 1/2%.

Repayable as follows:-

	2017 £	2016 £
Between one and two years (extended indefinitely)	<u>8,356,751</u>	<u>8,854,403</u>

11. ALLOTTED AND ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL

	2017 £	2016 £
Called up, allotted and fully paid		
10,000,000 (2016: 10,000,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>

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12. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company and controlling entity is Sensient Technologies Corporation. The immediate parent company is Sensient Technologies Holding Company LLC. Both companies are incorporated in the United States of America. The financial statements of the ultimate parent company, which is the largest and smallest group that prepares consolidated accounts, are filed at the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington DC.