STRATEGIC REPORT,
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
28 FEBRUARY 2023
FOR
LASGO CHRYSALIS LIMITED

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## **COMPANY INFORMATION** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

**DIRECTORS:** 

Mr J J Little Mr A T Little Mrs Y J Stafford Mr S M Digby Mr F Passaniti Mr G D Elwood Mr A Macaskill

REGISTERED OFFICE:

1 Whittle Drive Eastbourne East Sussex BN23 6QH

REGISTERED NUMBER:

01380166 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:** 

Honey Barrett (Audit) Ltd 53 Gildredge Road

Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 4SF

## STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 28 February 2023.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company's principal activity continues to be the distribution of CD's, DVD's, Blu-Ray discs, Vinyl, related merchandise, books and Consumer Electronics.

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

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

	2023	2022	Change %
Turnover	£42,360,090	£44,185,462	(4.1)
Gross profit	£8,056,944	£8,374,535	(3.8)
Gross profit margin	19.02%	18.95%	. ,
Operating profit	£3,024,930	£3,540,359	(14.6)

The year has been economically hard for most consumers and leisure expenditure consequently suffers because of this. However, vinyl sales and consumer electronics sales have continued to grow for the business with the other formats remaining static, but consumer demand for DVD & Blu-Ray has continued to decline.

The business continues to seek new business both in the form of customers and suppliers with positive results on both.

The creation of the Lasgo Records brand in 2022 has enabled the business to further grow the range of exclusively distributed music labels to the trade.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The company is faced with similar risks and uncertainties as other companies operating in the music distribution business, broadly:

- The continued volatility of the global music business
- Potential reductions in operating margins in order to remain competitive
- Decline in demand for physical product especially with DVD & Blu-ray.
- Reduction in the number of new releases in the audio and non-audio markets.
- Labels decisions to continually consolidate catalogue ranges
- Exposure to adverse movements in currency, due to buying and selling in Euros

All risks and uncertainties are regularly monitored by the Board of Directors of the company.

## **FIXED ASSETS**

Details of movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in the notes to the accounts.

## STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

Further expansion of the Lasgo Records distribution service is planned for 2023/24 as the music industry continues to consolidate the current supply chain solution options.

Lasgo is perfectly positioned to offer the service to the worldwide entertainment market. The business will also continue to increase its presence in the Consumer Electronics market with the addition of new affiliated electronics products.

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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Mr J J	Little - [	Directo	 or	 •••••	•
Date:	28/0	7/2023		 	

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 28 February 2023.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

Particulars of dividends paid are detailed in note 12 to the financial statements.

### **DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 March 2022 to the date of this report.

Mr J J Little Mr A T Little Mrs Y J Stafford Mr S M Digby Mr F Passaniti Mr G D Elwood Mr A Macaskill

### DISCLOSURE IN THE STRATEGIC REPORT

In accordance with section 414C(11) of the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 certain information required by schedule 7 of Large and Medium sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 is set out in the company's strategic report.

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

## 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 or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

## **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Honey Barrett (Audit) Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

# ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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 Mr J J	Little - Dir	ector	 •••••
	28/07/	/2023	
Date:			 

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LASGO CHRYSALIS LIMITED

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lasgo Chrysalis Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 28 February 2023 which comprise the Profit & Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 28 February 2023 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

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

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LASGO CHRYSALIS LIMITED

## 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 Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors 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 the Report of the Directors.

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.

## Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page four, 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 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.

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LASGO CHRYSALIS LIMITED

## Auditors' 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 a Report of the Auditors 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.

- Enquires with management about any known of suspected instances of fraud:
- Enquires with management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations
- Review of the company's systems relating to the compilation of the financial statements;
- Review of financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Examination of journal entries and other adjustments to test for appropriateness and identify any instances of management override of controls;
- Identify those areas that carry a potential risk of misstatement and design appropriate testing.

Having regard to the field in which the client operates we identified that employment law, health and safety legislation and compliance with the UK Companies Act are the areas most likely to have a material impact on the financial statements.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

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

#### 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 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.

Louise Underdown ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Honey Barrett (Audit) Ltd 53 Gildredge Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 4SF

Date: 28/07/2023

# PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

		20	23	20	22
	Notes	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER	4		42,360,090		44,185,462
Cost of sales			34,303,146		35,810,927
GROSS PROFIT			8,056,944		8,374,535
Distribution costs		1,094,265 4,059,390		1,160,168	
Administrative expenses		4,039,390	5,153,655	3,795,297	4,955,465
			2,903,289		3,419,070
Other operating income			120,000		121,289
OPERATING PROFIT			3,023,289		3,540,359
Interest receivable and similar inco	me 7		78,157		887
			3,101,446		3,541,246
Interest payable and similar expens	ses 8		293		179
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	9		3,101,153		3,541,067
Tax on profit	11		592,170		651,641
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YE	AR		2,508,983		2,889,426
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCO	ME				
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOMPOSED THE YEAR	ME		2,508,983		2,889,426

The notes form part of these financial statements

# BALANCE SHEET 28 FEBRUARY 2023

		20	<del></del>	20	
FIXED ASSETS	Notes	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	14		71,353		88,024
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank	15 16	4,078,878 4,903,076 5,564,882	·	3,771,755 4,378,182 _7,051,139	
		14,546,836		15,201,076	•
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	17	4,305,529		5,235,423	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			10,241,307		9,965,653
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			10,312,660		10,053,677
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Retained earnings	20 21		5,000 10,307,660		5,000 10,048,677
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			10,312,660		10,053,677

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on .....28/07/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr J J Little - Director

Mr S M Digby - Director

Mr G D Elwood - Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings £	Total equity £
Balance at 1 March 2021	5,000	9,409,251	9,414,251
Changes in equity Dividends Total comprehensive income  Balance at 28 February 2022	5,000	(2,250,000) 2,889,426 10,048,677	(2,250,000) 2,889,426 10,053,677
Changes in equity Dividends Total comprehensive income	<u>-</u>	(2,250,000) 2,508,983	(2,250,000) 2,508,983
Balance at 28 February 2023	5,000	10,307,660	10,312,660

The notes form part of these financial statements

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Lasgo Chrysalis Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

### 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

## Going concern

Having considered the principal risks and uncertainties set out in the strategic report, the financial strength of the company and the current economic environment, the directors are confident that the company has the required resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual report and accounts.

#### Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

## Significant judgements and estimates

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

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

## Key sources of estimation and uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

## a) Useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment

Depreciation is provided to write down the cost of property, plant and equipment to their estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives as set out below. The selection of the residual values and useful lives gives rise to estimation uncertainty. The useful lives of property, plant and equipment are reviewed by management annually.

#### b) Provision for slow moving and obsolete stocks

Management review the company's stock holding on an ongoing basis. The level of provision required for slow moving or obsolete stock is based on past and present sales information and current pricing strategies.

### c) Provision for doubtful debts

Management review the company's aged debtors on an ongoing basis. The level of provision is specific based on present information about customers ability to pay.

## d) Provision for dilapidations

The level of provision is based on the amount paid at the end of the prior lease. Management review the provision annually based on the current condition of the property and estimates of work that would need to be done to return the property to original state when the lease was taken on.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of music, entertainment and related merchandise sold during the year. This is net of customer returns, rebates and settlement discounts and value added tax.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the buyer, which is considered to be on despatch of the goods; the amount of revenue can be measured reliably; it is probable that the associated economic benefits will flow to the entity; and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

## Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold property

- 20% on cost

Fixtures and fittings

- 25% on cost

Motor vehicles

- 25% on reducing balance

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

## Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that include the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to sell (net realisable value). Cost is calculated on a weighted average cost basis.

A proportion of stock, which is pre sold stock, is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to sell, where cost is the purchase cost price.

When stocks are sold, the carrying amount of those stocks is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. The amount of any write-down of stocks to net realisable value and all losses of stocks are recognised as an expense in the period in which the write-down or loss occurs. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of stocks is recognised as a reduction in the amount of stocks recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities, like trade and other accounts receivable and payable and loans to / from related parties.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at the present value of the future cash flows and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted transaction price less any impairment.

If the arrangements of a short term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

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

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments (including share capital) are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the balance sheet and measured as detailed above.

Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity.

Finance costs are charged to the profit and loss over the term of the financial asset / liability using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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#### **Taxation**

Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Profit & Loss Account, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### Deferred tax

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

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

## 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.

### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to profit or loss in the period to which they relate.

## Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

## 4. TURNOVER

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

An analysis of turnover by class of business is given below:

 2023
 2022

 £
 £

 Sale of goods
 42,360,090
 44,185,462

 42,360,090
 44,185,462

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

4.	TURNOVER - continued		
	An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below:		
		2023 £	2022 £
	United Kingdom Overseas	8,613,584 33,746,506	
		42,360,090	44,185,462
5.	EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS		
		2023 £	2022 £
	Wages and salaries	2,162,657	2,143,035
	Social security costs	262,605	230,570 122,484
	Other pension costs	125,193	122,464
		2,550,455	2,496,089
	The average number of employees during the year was as follows:		
	The average hamber of employees daming the year was as follows.	2023	2022
	Warehouse	1	1
	Sales & management	34	32
	Administration	5	6
		<u>40</u>	39
6.	DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS		
		2023	2022
	Directors' remuneration	<b>£</b> 658,870	<b>£</b> 699,615
	Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	52,099	50,365
	The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing	was as follov	vs:
	Money purchase schemes	4	4
	Information regarding the highest paid director is as follows:	2023	2022
	Emoluments etc Pension contributions to money purchase schemes	£ 221,976 17,968	£ 263,441 17,339

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

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In total, the directors received benefits totalling £29,173 (2022: £29,173) in addition to the remuneration shown above.

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	2023	2022	
	£	£	
Bank interest receivable	<u>78,157</u>	887	

## 8. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Interest paid	293	<u>179</u>

## 9. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

The profit is stated after charging:

2023	2022 £
£	
29,132	37,610
<del>_</del>	1,289
	£ 29,132

During the year grants were received under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme of NIL (2022: £1,289).

## 10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the company's auditors for the audit of the company's financial statements General accounting & financial	25,000	22,750
advice	6,620	4,631

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

## 11. TAXATION

## Analysis of the tax charge

The tax charge on the profit for the year was as follows:

The tax draige of the profit for the year was as follows.	2023 £	2022 £
Current tax: UK corporation tax	596,723	680,889
Deferred tax	(4,553)	(29,248)
Tax on profit	592,170	651,641

## Reconciliation of total tax charge included in profit and loss

The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

Profit before tax	2023 £ 3,101,153	2022 £ 3,541,067
Profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2022 - 19%)	589,219	672,803
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Depreciation in excess of capital allowances Sundry tax adjustments Effect of change in corporation tax rate	4,753 587 (1,297) (1,092)	1,456 - (654) (21,964)
Total tax charge	592,170	651,641

The Chancellor stated his intention to maintain the main rate of corporation tax at 19%. This change to previously announced policy was substantively enacted on 17 March 2020. The Chancellor subsequently announced his intention to increase the headline rate of corporation tax to 25% from 1 April 2023, this policy was substantively enacted on 25 May 2021.

### 12. DIVIDENDS

	2023 £	2022 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each Dividends paid	2,250,000	2,250,000

## 13. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The amount recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account in relation to defined pension contribution plans was £125,193 (2022: £122,484).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

14.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Leasehold property	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Totals
	COST	£	£	£	£
	At 1 March 2022 Additions	72,478 	231,838 12,461	120,540 	424,856 12,461
	At 28 February 2023	72,478	244,299	120,540	437,317
	DEPRECIATION At 1 March 2022 Charge for year	72,478	203,237 14,276	61,117 14,856	336,832 29,132
	At 28 February 2023	72,478	217,513	75,973	365,964
	NET BOOK VALUE At 28 February 2023		26,786	44,567	71,353
	At 28 February 2022	_	28,601	59,423	88,024
15.	STOCKS			2023 £	2022 £
	Stocks			4,078,878	3,771,755
	The impairment provision regarding £200,000).	slow moving a	nd obsolete	stock is £20	00,000 (2022:
16.	DEBTORS			2023 £	2022 £
	Amounts falling due within one year:				
	Trade debtors VAT			3,876,536 607,015	3,392,832 592,797
	Prepayments			320,730	298,311
				4,804,281	4,283,940
	Amounts falling due after more than one Deferred tax asset	e year:		98,795	94,242
	Aggregate amounts			4,903,076	4,378,182

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## 16. **DEBTORS - continued**

Deferred tax asset	2023 £	2022 £
Accelerated capital allowances Other timing differences	92,795 6,000	21,242 73,000
	<u>98,795</u>	94,242

Trade debtors are stated after provisions for impairment of £13,571 (2022: £16,057).

## 17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,165,829	2,335,473
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,616,077	1,912,437
Corporation tax	16,993	381,249
PAYE and social security	93,425	102,803
Other creditors	16,672	16,672
Accruals and deferred income	396,533	486,789
	4,305,529	5,235,423
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## 18. **LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

. ,	 2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	197,984	197,984
Between one and five years	346,472	544,456
	544,456	742,440

On 3rd November 2020, The Little Group Limited entered into a 5 year lease of premises on behalf of the company. Rent is recharged at cost, although there is no formal agreement in place between the two parties. The commitment note above outlines the amounts of future rent payable.

During the year, an expense of £197,988 (2022: £197,984) was recognised in administrative expenses in relation to the above leases.

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19.	PROVISIONS	S FOR LIABILITIES		Deferred tax	Other provisions
	Balance at 1 Provided dur	·····		£ (94,242) (4,553)	£ 92,000 24,000
	Balance at 28	8 February 2023		(98,795)	116,000
20.	CALLED UP	SHARE CAPITAL			·
	Allotted, iss Number:	ued and fully paid: Class:	Nominal value:	2023 £	2022 £
	5,000	Ordinary	£1	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

#### 21. RESERVES

Profit and loss account - This reserve records retained earnings and accumulated losses.

### 22. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is The Little Group Limited of 1 Whittle Drive, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN23 6QH, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

These accounts will be included in the group accounts of The Little Group Limited. Copies of the group accounts of The Little Group Limited can be obtained from Companies House.

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### 23. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

## **Related Companies**

Other trading companies within The Little Group are :-

Askews and Holts Library Services Ltd A T Little and Sons Limited Book Protectors and Co. Limited Hive Store Limited Gardners Books Limited All Media Supply LLC Gardners EU SAS Gardners US LLC

All the above companies are wholly owned subsidiaries of The Little Group Limited at 28 February 2023.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Section 1 FRS102 from disclosing transactions covered by Section 33 FRS102, namely any entered into between two or more members of the group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member.

#### **Transactions**

During the year, the company charged rent of £12,000 (2022: £12,000) to a company controlled by a director's children.

During the year, remuneration of £816,026 (2022: £715,544) was paid to key management personnel.