Company Registration No. 0142	1946 (England and Wales)
MELDONGREEN LIMITED  ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEME  FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 202	

# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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# STRATEGIC REPORT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

The directors present the strategic report for the year ended 31 January 2022.

#### **Business Review**

The business had a very successful 2021/22 with results ahead of our expectations during what was another 'strange' year for the world as a whole and the UK economy in particular as we continued to deal with COVID and we start to come to terms with living with COVID. The staff have continued to rise to the challenge of trading during COVID, and we would like to thank them for their continued hard work.

We have taken the opportunity to continue to invest in our sites, to upgrade our retail environment with new displays, upgraded tanks and filtration systems as well as rolling our further energy saving initiatives such as LED lighting which has a fairly swift payback as well as improving the quality of shop floor lighting.

As part of the rejuvenation of the business we have been planning the construction of a new warehouse at our Mill Race site, and we are able to report that construction is underway in the 2022/23 financial year. This will enable us to relocate the warehouse from East Harling and bring warehouse and internet activities under one roof. In order to allow for the investment in the business we are selling four building plots at the East Harling warehouse site, and we saw the sale of the first of these plots in the 2021/22 financial year.

Our strategy has been to underpin our trading with higher levels of stock in the short term as we have seen severe availability issues and far longer lead times. To counter this we continued to accept late deliveries at the backend of last season and have 'over wintered' stock to make sure we could service our key season's sales. This has also helped us maintain margins as we bought at pre-price rise costs.

The profit and loss account is set out on page 8 and shows a change in turnover for the year to £7,746,098 (2021: 7,000, 878), and as mentioned, we did see a strong profit for the year of £401,320, compared to a profit of £428,285 2020/21, which reflects the efforts of the staff and management team during another very unusual year.

We look to 2022/23 with an optimistic level of caution as the world economy sits on the edge of recession. The Executive use management information to continue to manage the business direction and make timely decisions to keep the business on track.

# Principal risks and uncertainties

The retail market in general continues to be challenging, and the market for the supply of aquatic products and livestock remains highly competitive in the UK, as does the garden centre market. The company seeks to manage the risk of losing customers to key competitors by the provision of its expertise and knowledge of products and their uses to its customers, efficient handling of customer enquiries and by maintaining strong relationships with customers.

We continually work to improve the visibility of our performance and stock to the business down to site and product level. This helps each site manager better trade their business and allow us to understand and better satisfy our customers and have better control of stock.

Capital expenditure continues to be closely controlled, but we have created some headroom to progress a sensible level of renewals within the business over the last couple of years. The cash flow is managed as part of the daily/weekly control procedures and are within our facilities.

We continue to monitor Government and Industry guidance on maintaining a safe retail environment for customers and staff during the continued Coronavirus crisis, implementing changes as required and we will continue to monitor risks and make further changes as required. We have seen a major change in government guidance to near a time when we were without the Coronavirus, but accept that this may need to change if conditions worsen.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

# Outlook

We continue to review our business enhancing our retailing environment and offering a sound internet presence to our customers. 2022/23 has seen a more challenging economic outlook, with continued shortages in our supply chain being further impacted by the Russian invasion of the Ukraine which has also impacted many key costs from utilities to prices in general as well as inflationary pressures meaning wage costs are rising.

The Directors will continue to keep the performance of all sites under review and take a cautious view of the marketplace with the backdrop of exiting the pandemic and we will continue to offer customers new products and great customer service and maintain strict controls over our cost base.

On behalf of the board

Mr N P Seaby **Director** 

31 October 2022

law and regulations.

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and company, and of the profit or loss of the group 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the;
- prepare the on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and company will
  continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the group's and company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2022.

# Principal activities

The principal activity of the group in the year under review was that of a parent company, providing expertise. finance, goods at wholesale prices and other services in line with those normally provided by a parent to its subsidiaries.

# **Directors**

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mr M R Seaby Mr N P Seaby

# Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 8. No ordinary dividends were paid.

#### Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the group will be put at a General Meeting.

# Statement of disclosure 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 of which the auditor of the company is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor of the company is aware of that information.

On behalf of the board

Mr N P Seaby **Director** 

31 October 2022

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# TO THE MEMBERS OF MELDONGREEN LIMITED

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Meldongreen Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 January 2022 which comprise the group profit and loss account, the group statement of comprehensive income, the group balance sheet, the company balance sheet, the group statement of changes in equity, the company statement of changes in equity, the group statement of cash flows, the company statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 January 2022 and
  of the group's 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. 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 group's and parent company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

# Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF MELDONGREEN LIMITED

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

# Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, 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 parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the 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 is available 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 (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF MELDONGREEN LIMITED

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- · Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal
  entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions
  outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

# 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.

Paul East (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

31 October 2022

**Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor** 

1 Nelson Street Southend-On-Sea Essex United Kingdom SS1 1EG

# GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	3	7,746,098	7,000,878
Cost of sales		(4,342,372)	(3,882,740)
Gross profit		3,403,726	3,118,138
Administrative expenses		(3,067,997)	(2,889,189)
Other operating income		134,862	276,432
Operating profit	4	470,591	505,381
Interest payable and similar expenses	8	(69,271)	(77,096)
Profit before taxation		401,320	428,285
Tax on profit	9	(79,734)	(78,246)
Profit for the financial year		321,586	350,039

Profit for the financial year is all attributable to the owners of the parent company.

# GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Profit for the year	321,586	350,039
Other comprehensive income		
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	98,860	-
Tax relating to other comprehensive income	(18,783)	-
Other comprehensive income for the year	80,077	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	401,663	350,039

Total comprehensive income for the year is all attributable to the owners of the parent company.

# **GROUP BALANCE SHEET**

# AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

	20	22	202	21
Notes	£	£	£	£
10		-		7,863
11		5,541,859 		5,414,040
		5,541,859		5,421,903
15				
14	203,603		262,127	
	120,583		42,510	
	2,475,601		1,696,813	
16	(2,636,535)		(1,940,099)	
		(160,934)		(243,286)
		5,380,925		5,178,617
17		(1,018,565)		(1,246,174)
20	187,308	(407.000)	159,054	(450.054)
		(187,308)		(159,054)
		4,175,052		3,773,389
22				100,000
				3,087,983
		906,992		585,406
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The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 31 October 2022 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr N P Seaby

Director

# **COMPANY BALANCE SHEET**

# AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

		20	22	202	21
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	10		-		7,863
Tangible assets	11		5,541,859		5,414,040
Investments	12		204		204
			5,542,063		5,422,107
Current assets					
Stocks	15	2,151,415		1,392,176	
Debtors	14	4,949,378		4,964,187	
		7,100,793		6,356,363	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(8,850,187)		(7,823,086)	
Net current liabilities			(1,749,394)		(1,466,723
Total assets less current liabilities			3,792,669		3,955,384
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(985,232)		(1,202,841
Provisions for liabilities					
Deferred tax liability	20	187,308	(187,308)	159,054	(159,054
Net assets			2,620,129		2,593,489
Conitat and manager					
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	22		100,000		100,000
Revaluation reserve	22		3,168,060		3,087,983
Profit and loss reserves			(647,931)		(594,494
Total equity			2,620,129		2,593,489

As permitted by s408 Companies Act 2006, the company has not presented its own profit and loss account and related notes. The company's loss for the year was £53,437 (2021 - £13,126 loss).

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 31 October 2022 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr N P Seaby

Director

Company Registration No. 01421946

# GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

	Share capital		Profit and ss reserves	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 February 2020	100,000	3,087,983	235,367	3,423,350
Year ended 31 January 2021: Profit and total comprehensive income for the year			350,039	350,039
Balance at 31 January 2021	100,000	3,087,983	585,406	3,773,389
Year ended 31 January 2022: Profit for the year Other comprehensive income:	-	-	321,586	321,586
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	-	98,860	-	98,860
Tax relating to other comprehensive income		(18,783)		(18,783)
Total comprehensive income for the year		80,077	321,586	401,663
Balance at 31 January 2022	100,000	3,168,060	906,992	4,175,052

# COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

	Share capital	Revaluation Profit and reserveloss reserves		Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Balance at 1 February 2020	100,000	3,087,983	(581,369)	2,606,614	
Year ended 31 January 2021: Loss and total comprehensive income for the year			(13,125)	(13,125)	
Balance at 31 January 2021	100,000	3,087,983	(594,494)	2,593,489	
Year ended 31 January 2022: Loss for the year Other comprehensive income:			(53,437)	(53,437)	
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets  Tax relating to other comprehensive income	-	98,860 (18,783)	-	98,860 (18,783)	
Total comprehensive income for the year		80,077	(53,437)	26,640	
Balance at 31 January 2022	100,000	3,168,060	(647,931)	2,620,129	

# GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

		202	2	2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	25		78,552		983,499
Interest paid			(69,271)		(77,096)
Income taxes paid			(48,714)		
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating ac	tivities				
			(39,433)		906,403
Investing activities					
Purchase of intangible assets		-		(8,880)	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(237,258)		(221,203)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets					
		101,424		-	
Receipts arising from loans made		(18,305)		5,915	
Net cash used in investing activities			(154,139)		(224,168)
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Financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings		87,500		-	
Repayment of bank loans		(177,177)		(415,218)	
Payment of finance leases obligations		(55,821)		923	
Net cash used in financing activities			(145,498)		(414,295)
ū					
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash					
equivalents			(339,070)		267,940
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	ar		(461,079)		(729,019)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			(800,149)		(461,079)
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Relating to:					
Cash at bank and in hand			120,583		42,510
Bank overdrafts included in creditors payable					
within one year			(920,732)		(503,589)

# COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

		202	2	202	1
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	26		(55,753)		1,015,721
Interest paid			(69,095)		(77,096)
Income taxes refunded/(paid)			2		-
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating acti	vities		(104.946)		029 625
			(124,846)		938,625
Investing activities					
Purchase of intangible assets		-		(8,880)	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(237,258)		(221,203)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets					
		101,424		-	
Receipts arising from loans made		(18,305)		5,915	
Net cash used in investing activities			(154,139)		(224,168)
Financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings		87,500		-	
Repayment of bank loans		(170,510)		(465,218)	
Payment of finance leases obligations		(55,821)		923	
Net cash used in financing activities			(138,831)		(464,295)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash					
equivalents			(417,816)		250,162
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			(502,916)		(753,078)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			(920,732)		(502,916)
Relating to:					
Bank overdrafts included in creditors payable					
within one year			(920,732)		(502,916)
<b>,</b>					

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Company information

Meldongreen Limited ("the company") is a private limited company domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1 Nelson Street, Southend on Sea, Essex, SS1 1EG.

The group consists of Meldongreen Limited and all of its subsidiaries.

# 1.1 Accounting convention

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

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary a mounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

In the opinion of the directors, it remains appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting.

#### 1.2 Business combinations

In the parent company financial statements, the cost of a business combination is the fair value at the acquisition date of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed, plus costs directly attributable to the business combination. The excess of the cost of a business combination over the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired is recognised as goodwill. The cost of the combination includes the estimated amount of contingent consideration that is probable and can be measured reliably, and is adjusted for changes in contingent consideration after the acquisition date. Provisional fair values recognised for business combinations in previous periods are adjusted retrospectively for final fair values determined in the 12 months following the acquisition date. Investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates are accounted for at cost less impairment.

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the value of assets (other than goodwill) and liabilities recognised in a business combination accounted for using the purchase method and the amounts that can be deducted or assessed for tax, considering the manner in which the carrying amount of the asset or liability is expected to be recovered or settled. The deferred tax recognised is adjusted against goodwill or negative goodwill.

# 1.3 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated group financial statements consist of the financial statements of the parent company Meldongreen Limited together with all entities controlled by the parent company (its subsidiaries) and the group's share of its interests in joint ventures and associates.

All financial statements are made up to 31 January 2022. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by other members of the group.

All intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

# 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.4 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.5 Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer (usually on dispatch of the goods), the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

#### 1.6 Intangible fixed assets - goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquisition of a business over the fair value of net assets acquired. It is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is considered to have a finite useful life and is amortised on a systematic basis over its expected life.

All goodwill currently held has been fully amortised.

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to the cash-generating units expected to benefit from the acquisition. Cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment at least annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit.

# 1.7 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Software

Straight line over 6 years

# 1.8 Tangible fixed assets

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

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

# 1 Accounting policies

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Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings Straight line over 50 years

Leasehold improvements Not provided

Plant and equipment 25% on reducing balance Fixtures and fittings 25% on reducing balance Motor vehicles 25% on reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the profit and loss account.

#### 1.9 Fixed asset investments

In the parent company financial statements, investments in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

# 1.10 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

The carrying amount of the investments accounted for using the equity method is tested for impairment as a single asset. Any goodwill included in the carrying amount of the investment is not tested separately for impairment.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

# 1.11 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss. Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in profit or loss.

# 1.12 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

# 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.13 Financial instruments

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

Financial instruments are recognised in the group's balance sheet when the group becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

# Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the group transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

# Classification of financial liabilities

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 group after deducting all of its liabilities.

# Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

# Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the group's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

# 1.14 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the group are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the group.

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

# 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.15 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

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The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

# Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if, and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

# 1.16 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

# 1.17 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# 1.18 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to profit or loss so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term.

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

# 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.19 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

# 1.20 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

# 2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the group'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 the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

# Revenue recognition

A key judgement in revenue recognition is to distinguish whether the goods have been dispatched and therefore to determine whether the revenue should be recognised. Invoices are raised at point of sale and monitored to ensure cut-off procedures are followed correctly.

# Stock valuations

The group considers what value stock should be carried at given the varying types of stock offered. This is done by taking into account the purchase price from suppliers and costs of transit for imported items.

# 3 Turnover and other revenue

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other significant revenue		
Grants received	99,592	239,766

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

4	Operating profit		
	*	2022	2021
		£	£
	Operating profit for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Government grants	(99,592)	(239,766)
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	183,298	138,117
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets held under finance leases	-	6,235
	Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(76,423)	-
	Amortisation of intangible assets	7,863	3,037
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5	Auditor's remuneration	2000	0004
		2022	2021
	Fees payable to the company's auditor and associates:	£	£
	For audit services		
	Audit of the financial statements of the group and company	20,000	18,160
	Audit of the financial statements of the company's subsidiaries	7,040	7,680
		27,040	25,840

# 6 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the group and company during the year was:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Management	120	119	3	3
Their aggregate remuneration comprised:			<del></del>	
men aggregate remuneration comprised.	Group		Company	
	•	0004		0004
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,937,840	1,762,709	406,402	328,129
Social security costs	15,576	15,802	14,273	14,765
Pension costs	28,506	25,704	6,000	7,920
	1,981,922	1,804,215	426,675	350,814

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

7	Directors' remuneration		
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Remuneration for qualifying services	100,358	92,611
	Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes	6,000	7,920
		106,358	100,531
8	Interest payable and similar expenses		
O	interest payable and similar expenses	2022	2021
		£	2021 £
	Interest on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:		
	Interest on bank overdrafts and loans	62,983	69,384
	Other finance costs:		
	Interest on finance leases and hire purchase contracts	6,112	7,712
	Other interest	176	-
	Total finance costs	69,271	77,096
9	Taxation		
Ð	Taxallon	2022	2021
		2022 £	2021 £
	Current tax	£	£
	UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	65,870	48,716
	on corporation tax on profits for the current period	=====	40,710
	Deferred tax		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	13,864	29,530
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	Total tax charge	79,734	78,246

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

9	Taxation	(Continued)
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The actual charge for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge for the year based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
	£	Ł
Profit before taxation	401,320	428,285
Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of		
19.00% (2021: 19.00%)	76,251	81,374
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	-	4
Tax effect of utilisation of tax losses not previously recognised	(21,809)	(16,777)
Permanent capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(3,092)	(15,885)
Deferred tax movements	13,864	29,530
Profit on disposal	14,520	-
Taxation charge	79,734	78,246

In addition to the amount charged to the profit and loss account, the following amounts relating to tax have been recognised directly in other comprehensive income:

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred tax arising on:		
Revaluation of property	18,783	-

# 10 Intangible fixed assets

Group	Goodwill	Software	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 February 2021 and 31 January 2022	650,000	47,995	697,995
Amortisation and impairment			
At 1 February 2021	650,000	40,132	690,132
Amortisation charged for the year	-	7,863	7,863
At 31 January 2022	650,000	47,995	697,995
Carrying amount			
At 31 January 2022	-	-	-
At 31 January 2021	-	7,863	7,863

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

10	Intangible fixed assets		(	Continued)
	Company	Goodwill	Software	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost			
	At 1 February 2021 and 31 January 2022	650,000	47,995	697,995
	Amortisation and impairment			
	At 1 February 2021	650,000	40,132	690,132
	Amortisation charged for the year	-	7,863	7,863
	At 31 January 2022	650,000	47,995	697,995
	Carrying amount			
	At 31 January 2022	-	-	-
	At 31 January 2021		7,863	7,863

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

# 11 Tangible fixed assets

5,414,040	66,676	156,643	29,080		1,585,055	3,576,586	At 31 January 2021
5,541,859	65,855	168,965	36,415	38,864	1,664,186	3,567,574	Carrying amount At 31 January 2022
2,383,667	70,997	1,232,031	353,113		59,741	667,785	At 31 January 2022
183,298 (2,873)	17,820 -	38,246 (2,873)	7,235	1 1	37,125 -	82,872	Depreciation charged in the year Eliminated in respect of disposals
2,203,242	53,177		345,878		22,616	584,913	Depreciation and impairment At 1 February 2021
7,925,526	136,852		389,528	38,864	1,723,927	4,235,359	At 31 January 2022
(27,874) 98,860		(2,874)	1 1		, ,	(25,000) 98,860	Disposals Revaluation
7,617,282 237,258	119,853 16,999	1,353,301 50,569	374,958 <b>14</b> ,570	- 38,864	1,607,671 116,256	4,161,499 -	At 1 February 2021 Additions
Total £	otor vehicles £	Fixtures and Motor vehicles fittings	Plant and equipment	Assets under construction	Freehold land Leasehold and buildings improvements	Freehold land and buildings	Group

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022 NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Tangible fixed assets						_	(Continued)
Company	Freehold land	Leasehold	Assets under	Plant and	Fixtures and Motor vehicles	otor vehicles	Total
	and buildings	and buildings improvements	3.	€ equipment	3.	מיז	m
Cost							
At 1 February 2021	4,161,499	1.607,671		374,958	1,353,301	119,853	7,617,282
Additions	1	116,256	38,864	14,570	50,569	16,999	237,258
Disposals	(25,000)		•	•	(2,874)	•	(27,874)
Revaluation	98,860		,		,	,	98,860
At 31 January 2022	4,235,359	1,723,927	38,864	389,528	1,400,996	136,852	7,925,526
Depreciation and impairment							
At 1 February 2021	584,913	22,616	•		1,196,658	53,177	2,203,242
Depreciation charged in the year	82,872	37,125			38,246	17,820	183,298
Eliminated in respect of disposals		ı	ı		(2,873)	1	(2,873)
At 31 January 2022	667,785	59,741		353,113	1,232,031	70,997	2,383,667
Carrying amount At 31 January 2022	3,567,574	1.664,186	38,864	36,415	168,965	65,855	5,541,859
At 31 January 2021	3,576,586	1,585,055		29,080	156,643	66,676	5,414,040

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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# 11 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

The net carrying value of tangible fixed assets includes the following in respect of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts

o, in o parchase contracts.	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Plant and equipment	101,385	64,705	101,385	64,705

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £4,787,215 were revalued on the basis of an open market valuation for existing use in December 2021 by Messrs, Quinton Smith who are independent valuers not connected with the company.

The historic cost of land and buildings is £2,655,627.

# 12 Fixed asset investments

		Group		Company	
		2022	2021	2022	2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Investments in subsidiaries	13	-	-	204	204

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of Swallow Aquatics (Rayleigh) Limited, Swallow Aquatics (Harling) Limited, Swallow Aquatics (Kent) Limited and Swallow Aquatics (Colchester) Limited. All these companies are incorporated in England and Wales.

# Movements in fixed asset investments

Сотрапу	Shares in subsidiaries £
Cost or valuation At 1 February 2021 and 31 January 2022	204
Carrying amount At 31 January 2022	204
At 31 January 2021	204

# 13 Subsidiaries

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 31 January 2022 are as follows:

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

13	Subsidiaries				(Continued)
	Name of undertaking	Registered office		Class of shares held	% Held Direct
	Swallow Aquatics (Rayleigh) Limited	1 Nelson Street, Southend on S	ea, Essex, SS1 1EG	Ordinary	100.00
	Swallow Aquatics (Colchester) Limited	As above		Ordinary	100.00
	Swallow Aquatics (Kent) Limited	As above		Ordinary	100.00
	Swallow Aquatics (Harling) Limited	As above		Ordinary	100.00
	The aggregate capital and reserves and	the result for the year of the	e subsidiaries note	d above was as	follows:
	Name of undertaking			Capital and Reserves	Profit/(Loss)
				£	£
	Swallow Aquatics (Rayleigh) Limited			1,416,497	65,657
	Swallow Aquatics (Colchester) Limited			57,871	(362,271)
	Swallow Aquatics (Kent) Limited			90,893	621,663
	Swallow Aquatics (Harling) Limited			164,317	(117,048)
14	Debtors				
		Group		Company	
		2022	2021	2022	2021
	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£	£	£
	Trade debtors	32,597	27,525	32,597	27,525
	Amounts owed by group undertakings		· -	4,731,112	4,761,726
	Other debtors	167,577	226,778	182,240	171,507
		200,174	254,303	4,945,949	4,960,758
	Amounts falling due after more than o	one year:			
	Deferred tax asset (note 20)	3,429	7,824	3,429	3,429
	2010/104 (4/14/000)			====	
	Total debtors	203,603	262,127	4,949,378	4,964,187
15	Stocks				
13	Organia	Group		Company	
		2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
	Stocks	2,151,415	1,392,176	2,151,415	1,392,176

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

16	Creditors: amounts falling due within	one vear				
	Ţ	•	Group		Company	
			2022	2021	2022	2021
		Notes	£	£	£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	18	1,093,630	671,486	1,083,630	664,146
	Obligations under finance leases	19	42,188	52,578	42,188	52,578
	Other borrowings	18	87,500	-	87,500	-
	Trade creditors		987,748	739,601	919,490	705,776
	Amounts owed to group undertakings		-	-	6,632,299	6,230,803
	Corporation tax payable		65,870	48,716	=	-
	Other taxation and social security		<b>1</b> 01,476	264,723	4,600	93,927
	Other creditors		125,487	78,998	25,302	28,974
	Accruals and deferred income		132,636	83,997	55,178	46,882
			2,636,535	1,940,099	8,850,187	7,823,086
17	Creditors: amounts falling due after m	ore than on	e year Group		Company	
			2022	2021	2022	2021
		Notes	2022 £	£ £	£ 2022	£021
		Notes	-	-	-	-
	Bank loans and overdrafts	18	992,038	1,174,216	958,705	1,130,883
	Obligations under finance leases	19	26,527	71,958	26,527	71,958
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			1,018,565	1,246,174 ————	985,232	1,202,841
18	Loans and overdrafts					
10	Loans and overdraits		Group		Company	
			2022	2021	2022	2021
			£	£	£	£
			~	•	~	~
	Bank loans		1,164,936	1,342,113	1,121,603	1,292,113
	Bank overdrafts		920,732	503,589	920,732	502,916
	Other loans		87,500		87,500	
			2,173,168	1,845,702	2,129,835	1,795,029
	Payable within one year		1,181,130	671,486	1,171,130	664,146
	Payable after one year		992,038	1,174,216	958,705	1,130,883

Bank loans and overdrafts are secured by a first legal charge over the Rayleigh, Harling and Colchester freehold properties. In addition, the bank holds cross guarantees and debentures in relation to all of the group companies.

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

19	Finance lease obligations				
		Group		Company	
		2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
	Future minimum lease payments due under				
	finance leases:				
	Within one year	42,188	52,578	42,188	52,578
	In two to five years	26,527	71,958	26,527	71,958
		68,715	124,536	68,715	124,536

Finance lease payments represent rentals payable by the company or group for certain items of plant and machinery. Leases include purchase options at the end of the lease period, and no restrictions are placed on the use of the assets. All leases are on a fixed repayment basis and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments.

Amounts payable under hire purchase lease agreements are secured upon the assets concerned.

# 20 Deferred taxation

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the group and company, and movements thereon:

	Liabilities 2022	Liabilities 2021	Assets 2022	Assets 2021
Group	£	£	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	47,795	38,324	-	-
Tax losses	-	-	3,429	7,824
Revaluations	139,513	120,730	-	-
	187,308	159,054	3,429	7,824
	Liabilities	Liabilities	Assets	Assets
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Company	£	£	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	47,795	38,324	-	-
Tax losses	<u>-</u>	=	3,429	3,429
Revaluations	139,513	120,730	-	-
	187,308	159,054	3,429	3,429
	101,000	100,001	0,0	0,120

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

20	Deferred taxation		(Continued)
		Group	Company
		2022	2022
	Movements in the year:	£	£
	Liability at 1 February 2021	151,230	155,625
	Charge to profit or loss	13,866	9,471
	Charge to other comprehensive income	18,783	18,783
	Liability at 31 January 2022	183,879	183,879
21	Retirement benefit schemes		
		2022	2021
	Defined contribution schemes	£	£
	Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	28,506	25,704
	A defined contribution pension scheme is operated for all qualifying employees.	====== The assets of the sche	eme are held

A defined contribution pension scheme is operated for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund.

# 22 Share capital

	2022	2021	2022	2021
Ordinary share capital	Number	Number	£	£
Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

# 23 Audit report information

As the income statement has been omitted from the filing copy of the financial statements, the following information in relation to the audit report on the statutory financial statements is provided in accordance with s444(5B) of the Companies Act 2006:

The auditor's report was unqualified.

The auditor was Azets Audit Services.

# 24 Contingent liabilities

The companies in the group have given unlimited cross-guarantees to its bankers.

# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

	Cash generated from group operations	2022	2021
		2022 £	2021 £
	Profit for the year after tax	321,586	350,039
	Adjustments for:		
	Taxation charged	79,734	78,246
	Finance costs	69,271	77,096
	Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(76,423)	-
	Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	7,863	3,037
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	183,298	144,352
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(759,239)	103,634
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(23,198)	118,385
	Increase in creditors	275,660	108,710
	Cash generated from operations	78,552	983,499
26	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations - company		
26	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations - company	2022	2021
26	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations - company	2022 £	2021 £
26	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations - company  Loss for the year after tax		
26		£	£
26	Loss for the year after tax	£	£
26	Loss for the year after tax  Adjustments for:	£ (53,437)	£ (13,125)
26	Loss for the year after tax  Adjustments for: Taxation charged	£ (53,437) 9,469	£ (13,125)
26	Loss for the year after tax  Adjustments for: Taxation charged Finance costs	£ (53,437) 9,469 69,095	£ (13,125)
26	Loss for the year after tax  Adjustments for: Taxation charged Finance costs Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	£ (53,437) 9,469 69,095 (76,423)	£ (13,125) 12,753 77,096
26	Loss for the year after tax  Adjustments for: Taxation charged Finance costs Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	£ (53,437) 9,469 69,095 (76,423) 7,863	£ (13,125) 12,753 77,096 - 3,037
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# NOTES TO THE GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

27	Analysis of changes in net debt - group			
		1 February 2021	Cash flows	31 January
		£	£	2022 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	42,510	78,073	120,583
	Bank overdrafts	(503,589)	(417,143)	(920,732)
		(461,079)	(339,070)	(800,149)
	Borrowings excluding overdrafts	(1,342,113)	89,677	(1,252,436)
	Obligations under finance leases	(124,536)	55,821	(68,715)
		(1,927,728)	(193,572)	(2,121,300)
28	Analysis of changes in net debt - company	4 Echruani 2024	Cash flows	24 January
		1 February 2021	Cash nows	31 January 2022
		£	£	£
	Bank overdrafts	(502,916)	(417,816)	(920,732)
	Borrowings excluding overdrafts	(1,292,113)	83,010	(1,209,103)
	Obligations under finance leases	(124,536)	55,821	(68,715)
		(1,919,565)	(278,985)	(2,198,550)

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