Burnfield Limited

Annual report and financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2014

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Directors' report

The directors present their directors' report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is that of facilitating group funding arrangements.

Results and Dividends

The company made a profit after taxation in the year of £26,544,000 (2013: loss of £17,618,000). This profit arises through the exchange gain on foreign currency loans held by the company and the interest received on such loans.

Dividends paid in the year were £326,486,000 (2013: £26,189,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a further dividend.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year were:

R J Stephens

A Dumpleton

C Watson

Disclosure of information to auditor

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

Auditor

KPMG Audit Plc resigned as auditor on 12 November 2014 pursuant to section 516 of the Companies Act 2006. On 1 December 2014 the directors appointed KPMG LLP as auditor of the company under section 485(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the Board

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Company Secretary

12 June 2015

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in Respect of the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements

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

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

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Burnfield Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Burnfield Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 set out on pages 4 to 10. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Richard Broadbelt (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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12 June 2015

Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 December 2014

		Note	2014	2013
		•	£000	£000
Other income		5	11,168	13,641
Other expenses		5	· · · · · · · ·	(38,666)
Interest receivable and similar income		6	15,376	9,839
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Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before to	axation		26,544	(15,186)
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Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities		7	-	(2,432)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year			26,544	(17,618)

The results in the Profit and Loss Account above relate entirely to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains or losses in the year other than those which have been dealt with in the Profit and Loss Account and accordingly a Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not presented.

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2014

	Note	2014	2013
		£000	£000
Current assets			
Debtors (including £120,345,000 (2013: £404,753,000) due after more than one year)	8	120,345	420,288
Cash at bank		63	63
		120,408	420,351
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	-	(1)
Net assets		120,408	420,350
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	3,594	3,594
Share premium account	11	17,265	217,265
Profit and loss account	11	99,549	199,491
Shareholders' funds	12	120,408	420,350

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

Director

Registered Company Number: 1522736

12 June 2015

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

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

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

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectris plc, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned subsidiaries which form part of the group.

The consolidated financial statements of Spectris plc, within which this company is included, can be obtained from the address given in Note 13.

Foreign Currency Transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date and the foreign exchange differences arising on retranslation are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account.

Exchange adjustments arising from the retranslation of investments that have been financed by foreign currency borrowings, or where foreign currency borrowings provide a hedge against the exchange risk associated with foreign investments, are taken to reserves.

Exchange movements relating to borrowings that have been used to finance or provide a hedge against foreign equity investments are taken to reserves to the extent that they are matched by exchange movements on those investments, together with the taxation thereon.

Interest

Interest receivable and payable is recognised in the Profit and Loss Account as it accrues using the effective interest method.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the result for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the Balance Sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

2 Remuneration of directors

The directors received no remuneration for their services to the company in either year. The present directors are employed by, and receive remuneration from the ultimate parent company.

3 Remuneration of auditor

The fee for the audit of these financial statements of £4,400 (2013: £4,300) has been borne by the ultimate parent company, Spectris plc.

4 Remuneration of employees

The company had no employees during the current or previous year.

5 Other income/(expenses)

Other income	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Exchange gain on foreign currency contracts	-	13,641
Exchange gain on foreign currency borrowings	11,168	-
	11,168	13,641
Other expenses	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Exchange loss on foreign currency borrowings	-	(38,666)

Burnfield Limited entered into forward contracts in 2013 for the purposes of hedging translation risk. These matured on 31 December 2013 and no further contracts were entered into in 2014. As a result, no gain or loss on foreign exchange contracts has been recorded in 2014.

6 Interest receivable and similar income

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Interest receivable from group undertakings	15,376	9,839

7 Tax on ordinary activities

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Analysis of charge in the year		
UK Corporation Tax		
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	-	2,432
Total current tax charge	-	2,432

No provision has been made for deferred tax on realised capital losses of £6,236,899 (2013: £6,236,899) on the basis that there is insufficient evidence that suitable taxable profits will arise in the future against which the losses may be offset and the asset recovered.

The tax charge is lower (2013: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.5% (2013: 23.25%). The difference is explained below:

	2014	2013
	£000	£000£
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	26,544	(15,186)
Current tax charge/(credit) at 21.5% (2013: 23.25%)	5,707	(3,531)
Group relief claimed for £Nil consideration	-	(5,499)
Non-taxable (income)/expenditure	(5,707)	8,990
Taxable foreign exchange gain	-	40
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of previous periods	-	2,432
Current tax charge for the year	-	2,432

An election was made with effect from 18 July 2013 that the designated currency of the company will be USD for tax purposes. The taxable profit for the period since 18 July 2013 has been computed in USD resulting in foreign exchange differences arising for tax purposes only on non-USD balances from that date.

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 21% (effective from 1 April 2014) to 20% (effective from 1 April 2015) was substantively enacted on 2 July 2013. This will reduce the company's future tax charge accordingly.

8 Debtors

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	120,345	420,288
9 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		
	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Other creditors	-	1
		
	_	1
		
10 Called up share capital		
	Number of	
	shares	£000
Authorised		
Ordinary shares of 10p each at 1 January and 31 December 2014	50,000,000	5,000
Issued and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of 10p each at 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014	35,938,822	3,594

11 Reserves

	Share Premium	Profit and Loss	
	Account	Account	Total
	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2014	217,265	199,491	416,756
Capital reduction	(200,000)	200,000	-
Dividends paid	-	(326,486)	(326,486)
Profit for the financial year	-	26,544	26,544
			
At 31 December 2014	17,265	99,549	116,814

On 29 September 2014 the company made a capital reduction of £200,000,000 to increase its distributable reserves.

12 Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Opening equity shareholders' funds	420,350	30,525
Shares issued in the year	-	433,632
Dividends paid to parent company	(326,486)	(26,189)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	26,544	(17,618)
Closing equity shareholders' funds	120,408	420,350

13 Ultimate holding company

The company's ultimate holding company is Spectris plc which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England. The consolidated accounts of this company are available to the public and may be obtained from:

Spectris plc Heritage House Church Road Egham Surrey TW20 9QD