

# Financial Statements Ronson Limited

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For the year ended 31 December 2009

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Company No. 1907889

## Company information

**Company registration number:** 1907889

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## Report of the director

The director presents his report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

### **Principal activity**

The group is principally engaged in the sourcing, marketing, sales, distribution and licensing of branded goods

### **Results and dividends**

The trading results for the year and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements and are discussed further in the business review below

The group has not paid any dividends during the year

### **Business and review**

The company is the holding company for Ronson International Limited and Ronson Incorporated Limited. There was a loss for the year after taxation amounting to £496,723 (2008 - £17,000)

### **Qualifying third party indemnity provision**

During the financial year, a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the benefit of the director was in force

### **The director**

Bardia Panahy is the sole director of the company. He holds no shares in the company or its parent undertaking

### **Statement of director's responsibilities**

The director is responsible for preparing the Report of the Director and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The financial statements are required by law to 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 director is required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments 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
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

**Statement of director's responsibilities (continued)**

The director is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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. He is 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.

In so far as the director is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the director has taken all steps that he ought to have taken to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The director is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Auditor**

Grant Thornton UK LLP, having expressed their willingness to continue in office, will be deemed reappointed for the next financial year in accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006 unless the company receives notice under section 488(1) of the Companies Act 2006.

**Small company exemption**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



B Panahy  
Director

15 OCT 2010



## Report of the independent auditor to the members of Ronson Limited

(registered number 1907889)

We have audited the financial statements of Ronson Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the consolidated profit and loss account, the consolidated balance sheet, the company balance sheet, the consolidated cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom 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 Director's Responsibilities Statement set out on pages 3 and 4, the director is 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 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

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 December 2009 and of the group's loss 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.



# Report of the independent auditor to the members of Ronson Limited (registered number 1907889)

## Going concern

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in the financial statements concerning the validity of preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis. The validity of preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is dependent upon the company being able to meet its liabilities as they fall due and securing renewed bank facilities. As explained in note 26 this is in turn dependent on the group meeting its sales forecasts, achieving projected gross margins and the payment of certain liabilities being deferred. The financial statements assume that forecasts are met and that it is therefore appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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

In our opinion the information given in the Director's 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 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

**John Corbishley**  
Senior Statutory Auditor  
for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP  
Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants  
Kettering  
26 October 2010

## Principal accounting policies

### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable UK accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The group's accounting policies are unchanged compared with the prior year

### **Basis of consolidation**

The group financial statements include the consolidation of the company and each of its subsidiary undertakings. All intra-group transactions have been eliminated on consolidation. A separate profit and loss account for the parent company is not presented with the group financial statements as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The company's loss after tax for the year was £275,000.

### **Turnover**

Turnover is the revenue arising from the sales of goods and services. It is stated at the fair value of the consideration receivable, net of value added tax, rebates and discounts.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and benefits of ownership of the product have transferred to the buyer, which may be upon shipment, completion of the product or the product being ready for delivery, based on specific contract terms.

Revenue from services provided by the group is recognised when the group has performed its obligations and in exchange obtained the right to consideration.

### **Intangible assets**

#### **Goodwill**

Purchased goodwill arising on acquisitions is the difference between the fair value of the purchase consideration and the fair value of the group's share of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquired business at the date of acquisition. Goodwill arising on acquisition was written off against reserves.

Any goodwill arising from future acquisitions will be capitalised and classified as an asset on the balance sheet and amortised over its estimated useful life up to a maximum of 20 years. Goodwill will be reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full financial year following each acquisition and subsequently when necessary if circumstances indicate that its carrying value may not be recoverable.



### **Intangible assets (continued)**

#### **Research and development**

Research and development expenditure is charged to profits in the period in which it is incurred. Development costs incurred on specific projects are capitalised when recoverability can be assessed with reasonable certainty and amortised in line with the expected sales arising from the projects. All other development costs are written off in the year of expenditure.

### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets by equal annual instalments over their estimated useful economic lives. The periods generally applicable are:

Equipment, fixtures and fittings	15% - 33% per annum
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### **Investments**

Investments are included at cost less provision for impairment.

### **The group as lessee**

#### **Operating lease agreements**

Leases where substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are not transferred to the group are treated as operating leases. Rentals under operating leases are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

### **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after provisions are made in respect of obsolete and slow moving items, based on historical experience of utilisation on a category-by-category basis.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all further costs to complete and all costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

### **Current tax**

The current tax charge is based on the result for the year and is measured at the amounts expected to be paid based on the tax rates and laws substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Current and deferred tax is recognised in the profit and loss account for the period except to the extent that it is attributable to a gain or loss that is or has been recognised directly in the statement of total recognised gains and losses.

### **Deferred taxation**

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

- provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold,
- provision is made for deferred tax that would arise on remittance of the retained earnings of overseas subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, dividends have been accrued as receivable,
- deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

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

### **Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction, except where the transaction is to be settled using a contracted rate, in which case that rate is used. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date

Foreign exchange gains and losses are credited or charged to the profit and loss account as they arise

### **Group accounts**

The financial statements of foreign subsidiaries and the related goodwill are translated at the closing exchange rate at the balance sheet date

### **Retirement benefits**

#### **Defined contribution pension scheme**

The pension costs charged against operating profits are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period. The group accounts for its contributions to the group pension schemes as a defined contribution scheme

### **Financial instruments**

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. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.

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.

## Consolidated profit and loss account

	Note	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Turnover	1	4,764	5,096
Cost of sales		<u>(3,439)</u>	<u>(3,216)</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>1,325</b>	<b>1,880</b>
Other operating income and charges	2	<u>(1,601)</u>	<u>(1,679)</u>
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>		<b>(276)</b>	<b>201</b>
Net interest	3	<u>(221)</u>	<u>(218)</u>
<b>Loss on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	1	<b>(497)</b>	<b>(17)</b>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Loss for the financial year transferred from reserves</b>	16	<u><b>(497)</b></u>	<u><b>(17)</b></u>

All activities are classed as continuing

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the financial year

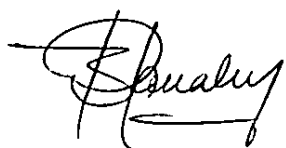
**The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.**

## Balance sheet

	Note	2009 £'000	Group 2008 £'000	2009 £'000	Company 2008 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	8	20	50	-	-
Investments	9	25	25	2,350	2,350
		45	75	2,350	2,350
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	10	640	1,665	-	-
Debtors	11	588	764	200	-
Cash at bank and in hand		150	58	-	-
		1,378	2,487	200	-
<b>Creditors, amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(1,984)	(2,507)	(1,369)	(894)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		(606)	(20)	(1,169)	(894)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		(561)	55	1,181	1,456
<b>Creditors: amounts due after more than one year</b>	13	(1,420)	(1,520)	(1,420)	(1,420)
		(1,981)	(1,465)	(239)	36
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	14	479	479	479	479
Share premium account	15	1,989	1,989	1,989	1,989
Profit and loss account	15	(4,449)	(3,933)	(2,707)	(2,432)
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	16	(1,981)	(1,465)	(239)	36

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Director on 15 OCTOBER 2010

B Panahy  
Director



Company registration number 1907889

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

## Consolidated cash flow statement

	Note	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	17	65	149
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest paid		-	(2)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		-	(2)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1)	(1)
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment		(1)	(1)
Cash inflow before financing		64	146
Financing			
Receipt/(repayment) of borrowings		28	(149)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing		28	(149)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	18	92	(3)

## Notes to the financial statements

### **1 Turnover and loss on ordinary activities before taxation**

A geographical analysis of turnover by destination is given below

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
United Kingdom	3,213	3,658
Rest of Europe	1,389	1,374
Rest of the World	162	64
	<u>4,764</u>	<u>5,096</u>

The loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Depreciation		
Tangible fixed assets, owned	31	32
Auditor's remuneration		
Audit services	24	44
Non-audit services	8	7
Research and development expenditure	37	27
Operating leases		
Other	18	18
	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>

The audit fee includes £5,000 (2008 - £5,000) in respect of the company

### **2 Other operating charges**

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Distribution costs	381	223
Administration expenses	1,220	1,456
	<u>1,601</u>	<u>1,679</u>

### **3 Net interest**

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Interest payable and similar charges		
On bank loans and overdrafts	1	2
Finance charge on shares classed as financial liabilities	220	216
	<u>221</u>	<u>218</u>

**4 Director and employees**

Staff costs during the year were as follows

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Wages and salaries	366	358
Social security costs	32	35
Other pension costs	5	5
	<u>403</u>	<u>398</u>

The average monthly number of employees (including the director) employed by the group during the year was 13 (2008 - 11)

Remuneration in respect of director was as follows

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Fees	<u>41</u>	<u>25</u>

During the year no directors (2008 - no directors) participated in money purchase pension schemes

**5 Taxation on loss on ordinary activities**

The tax charge represents

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
UK corporation tax on result for the period and current tax charge for the year	-	-
Deferred tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



**Taxation on loss on ordinary activities (continued)**

**Factors affecting the tax charge for the year**

The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008 - 28.5%) The differences can be explained as follows

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	<u>(497)</u>	<u>(17)</u>
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008 - 28.5%)	(139)	(3)
Effect of		
Income not subject to tax	62	61
Differences between capital allowances and depreciation	(6)	(11)
Other timing differences	(13)	(27)
Tax losses arising/(utilisation) of tax losses	<u>96</u>	<u>(20)</u>
Current tax charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

It is estimated that the group has taxable losses of approximately £17m carried forward and available for offset against future trading profits subject to HM Revenue and Customs agreement

**6 Dividends**

Dividends on shares classed as financial liabilities

	2009 £	2008 £
Accrued at the year end		
Dividends on 8% convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares	<u>220</u>	<u>216</u>

**7 Loss for the financial year**

The parent company has taken advantage of section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not included its own profit and loss account in these financial statements The group loss for the year includes a loss of £275k (2008 - profit £296k) which is dealt with in the financial statements of the company

## 8 Tangible fixed assets

### The group

	Equipment, fixtures and fittings £'000
Cost	
At 1 January 2009	944
Additions	<u>1</u>
At 31 December 2009	<u>945</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2009	894
Charge for year	<u>31</u>
At 31 December 2009	<u>925</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2009	<u><u>20</u></u>
Net book value at 31 December 2008	<u><u>50</u></u>

### The company

The net book value of tangible fixed assets is £nil (2008 - £nil)

## 9 Fixed asset investments

### The group

	£'000
Cost and net book amount	
At 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009	<u><u>25</u></u>

### The company

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
At cost less provision for impairment		
At 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009	<u><u>2,350</u></u>	<u><u>2,350</u></u>

The historical cost of investments is £28,651,000 (2008 - £28,651,000)

The company's investments consist of interests in group undertakings

**Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The details of the company's principal trading subsidiary undertakings are set out below

<b>Name of undertaking</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>	<b>Description of shares held</b>
Ronson International Limited	Sourcing, marketing, sales, distribution licensing of branded goods	Ordinary 5p shares
Ronson Polska SP z o o	Sourcing, marketing, sales, distribution licensing of branded goods	Ordinary 100 Zlotty shares
EMHOL Limited	Holding company	Ordinary £1 shares
Ronson Incorporated Limited	Non trading	Ordinary £1 shares

Ronson International Limited operating in the United Kingdom and is incorporated in England and Wales and is a wholly owned subsidiary included in the consolidated financial statements. The shares in Ronson International Limited are wholly owned by Ronson Limited.

Ronson Polska z o o is incorporated and operates in Poland and is a wholly owned subsidiary included in the consolidated financial statements. The shares are wholly owned by Ronson International Limited.

Ronson Incorporated Limited is incorporated in England and Wales and is a wholly owned subsidiary included in the consolidated financial statements. The shares in Ronson Incorporated Limited are wholly owned by Ronson Limited.

The group also holds 33% of the ordinary £1 shares in Aerosol Limited, a company registered in England through its shareholding in EMHOL Limited.

EMHOL Limited incorporated in England and Wales and has been excluded from the consolidated financial statements as it is not considered to be material. The shares in EMHOL Limited are nominally owned by Ronson International Limited.

Aerosol Limited operates in the United Kingdom and is incorporated in England and Wales. 33% of the shares in the company are owned by EMHOL Limited. The company has been excluded from the consolidated financial statements as its results are considered to be immaterial to the group.

**10 Stocks**

**The group**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>640</u>	<u>1,665</u>

**The company**

There are no stocks held by the company.

**11 Debtors**

	The group		The company	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one year				
Trade debtors	558	717	-	-
Amounts due from group undertakings	-	-	200	-
Other debtors	6	13	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	24	34	-	-
	<u>588</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>

Included within trade debtors are factored debts with a value of £496,526 (2008 - £637,976)

**12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	The group		The company	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Other loans	588	460	200	-
Trade creditors	266	1,145	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	80	80	351	296
Other taxation and social security	21	31	-	-
Other creditors	5	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,024	791	818	598
	<u>1,984</u>	<u>2,507</u>	<u>1,369</u>	<u>894</u>

Included in other loans is £388,000 (2008 - £460,000) secured on factored debts

**13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year****The group and the company**

	The group		The company	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Other loans	-	100	-	-
Shares classed as financial liabilities	1,420	1,420	1,420	1,420
	<u>1,420</u>	<u>1,520</u>	<u>1,420</u>	<u>1,420</u>
Shares classed as financial liabilities 8% convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares of £10,000 each	1,420	1,420	1,420	1,420

**14 Share capital**

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Authorised		
1,314,611 ordinary shares of £10 each	13,146	13,146
47,387,817 deferred shares of 4 99p each	2,365	2,365
183,877,060 'A' deferred shares of 0 01p each	18	18
200 8% convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares of £10,000 each	2,000	2,000
	<u>17,529</u>	<u>17,529</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
46,108 ordinary shares of £10 each	461	461
183,864,224 'A' deferred shares of 0 01p each	18	18
142 8% convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares of £10,000 each	1,420	1,420
	<u>1,899</u>	<u>1,899</u>
Equity shares		
46,108 ordinary shares of £10 each	461	461
183,864,224 'A' deferred shares of 0 01p each	18	18
	<u>479</u>	<u>479</u>
Shares classed as financial liabilities		
142 8% convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares of £10,000 each	1,420	1,420

The 'A' deferred shares and deferred shares are non-voting, do not rank for dividend payments and will receive a repayment of nominal amounts paid up on such shares in the event of a winding-up after repayment of capital plus £10m per share paid up on the ordinary and the convertible shares

The holders of the 8% convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares are entitled to be paid a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 8% payable annually in arrears. In the event of the preference dividend not being paid an additional sum of 2% per annum of the outstanding sum becomes due. There is no further right to participate in the company's profits. On a return of capital the holders of these shares are entitled, in preference to other payments to shareholders, arrears of preferential dividend, repayment of capital and a premium of 7% of nominal value. Failure by the company to redeem the shares on the due dates (being one third on 15 September 2008, 2009 and 2010) entitles the shareholder to convert the sums due into fully paid ordinary shares at the rate of £37.50 per ordinary share. The company did not redeem the first tranche of the preference shares on 15 September 2008 or the second tranche on 15 September 2009 but the company has received no indication from the preference shareholders that they wish to convert the preference shares into ordinary shares. The holders of the preference shares are entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting when dividend payments are six months in arrears or the meeting is to consider a resolution to wind up the company.

**15 Reserves**

**The group**

	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss account £'000
At 1 January 2009	1,989	(3,933)
Loss for the year	-	(497)
Exchange differences	-	(19)
	<u>1,989</u>	<u>(4,449)</u>
At 31 December 2009	<u>1,989</u>	<u>(4,449)</u>

**The company**

	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss account £'000
At 1 January 2009	1,989	(2,432)
Loss for the year	-	(275)
	<u>1,989</u>	<u>(2,707)</u>
At 31 December 2009	<u>1,989</u>	<u>(2,707)</u>

**16 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds**

**The group**

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Loss for the year	(497)	(17)
Exchange differences	(19)	3
	<u>(516)</u>	<u>(14)</u>
Net decrease in shareholders' funds	<u>(516)</u>	<u>(14)</u>
Opening shareholders' funds	(1,465)	(1,451)
	<u>(1,981)</u>	<u>(1,465)</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>(1,981)</u>	<u>(1,465)</u>

**The company**

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Loss for the year and net decrease in shareholder funds	(275)	(296)
Opening shareholder funds	36	332
	<u>(239)</u>	<u>36</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>(239)</u>	<u>36</u>

**17 Net cash inflow from operating activities**

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Operating (loss)/profit	(276)	201
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	31	32
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	1,025	(611)
Decrease in debtors	176	247
Decrease/(increase) in creditors	(872)	277
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains	(19)	3
	<u>65</u>	<u>149</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities		

**18 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt**

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	92	(3)
Cash (outflow)/inflow from decrease in debt	<u>(28)</u>	<u>149</u>
Change in net cash resulting from cash flows	64	146
Net debt at 1 January 2009	<u>(1,922)</u>	<u>(2,068)</u>
Net debt at 31 December 2009	<u>(1,858)</u>	<u>(1,922)</u>

**19 Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 January 2009 £'000	Cash flow £'000	At 31 December 2009 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	58	92	150
Overdrafts	-	-	-
	<u>58</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>150</u>
Debt due within one year - other loans	(460)	72	(388)
Debt due after more than one year	<u>(1,520)</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>(1,420)</u>
Total	<u>(1,922)</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>(1,658)</u>

**20 Capital commitments**

The company had no capital commitments at 31 December 2009 or 31 December 2008

## **21 Contingent liabilities**

Group undertakings have provided guarantees to H M Revenue and Customs totalling £20,000 (2008 - £20,000)

The company has provided unlimited guarantees for the borrowing of its subsidiary undertakings. As at 31 December 2009, subsidiary undertakings had borrowings of £387,664 which were subject to this guarantee (2008 - £459,939)

## **22 Commitments under operating leases**

Operating lease payments amounting to £18,000 (2008 - £18,000) are due within one year. The leases to which these amounts relate expire as follows:

	2009 £'000	Other 2008 £'000
Operating leases which expire		
Within one year	-	18
Between one and five years	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>

## **23 Forward purchase agreement**

The company has entered into a forward purchase agreement for US\$. If the split rate is at or below the forward rate at the determination date the company has a commitment of £600,000.

If the split rate is above the forward rate at the determination date the company has a commitment of £300,000.

At 31 December 2009 the fair value of this agreement was asset of £2,586.

## **24 Transactions with related parties**

### **The group**

During the year the group purchased services from Acela Limited to the value of £237,552 (2008 - £214,859). At 31 December 2009 the group owed £24,366 (2008 - £19,922) to Acela Limited. A loan of £100,000 from Acela Limited was repaid in the year (2008 - £100,000). K Jahanshad is a director of both Ronson International Limited and Acela Limited.

During the year ended 31 December 2006 Ronson Limited issued 100 £10,000 cumulative redeemable preference shares, classified as debt, to Mitchell (UK) Limited. At the year end there was £479,156 of interest accrued relating to this (2008 - £326,086). Mitchell (UK) Limited is a related party due to its shareholding in Ronson Limited.

### **The company**

There exists a consultancy contract, dated 1 March 2004, between AMY Holdings Limited and Ronson Limited at a cost to the company of £23,750 per annum (2008 - £47,500 per annum). The charge for the year was £23,750 (2008 - £47,500). Either party can terminate this agreement with two months' written notice.

At 31 December 2009 £nil (2008 - £9,302) was due from the group to AMY Holdings Limited. A further £80,000 (2008 - £80,000) is due in relation to a loan made in 2003.



**Transactions with related parties (continued)**

During the year ended 31 December 2005 Ronson Limited issued 42 £10,000 cumulative convertible redeemable preference shares, classified as debt, to AMY Holdings Limited. At the year end there was £338,710 (2008 - £271,593) accrued interest relating to this.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 that transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries do not need to be disclosed.

During the year, the company received a loan of £200,000 (2008 - £nil) from Mitchell (UK) Limited. At 31 December 2009, the company owed Mitchell (UK) Limited £200,000 (2008 - £nil).

**25 Ultimate parent company**

The director regards AMY Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, as the ultimate parent company by virtue of shareholding. In the opinion of the director, there is no controlling related party of that company.

**26 Future funding requirements**

The director has considered the funding requirement for the day to day working capital of the group and the further development of the business.

Cash flow and profitability projections for a rolling 12 month period are prepared, updated and regularly reviewed by the management team. The key assumptions are sales forecasts (both quantum and timing) by product and customer, product line gross margin and the timing of receipts from customers and the timing of payments to creditors. The reliability of both sales and gross margin assumptions are particularly susceptible to market pressures. The group is also in discussions with the bank to secure a renewal of current facilities. These negotiations are yet to be concluded but the director believes they will be renewed on acceptable terms.

In addition, the director has renegotiated the deferral of the payment of dividends on preference shares until the company has the resources to make such payments. This will allow the group to alleviate anticipated cash flow pressure during the coming twelve months. On this basis, and with the anticipated support of the bank, the directors believe the company will have sufficient resources to satisfy its liabilities as they fall due from a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements and so have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis.