Financial Statements Ronson Limited

For the year ended 31 December 2014



Registered number: 01907889

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Director's Report For the year ended 31 December 2014

The director presents his report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

Director's responsibilities statement

The director is responsible for preparing the Director's report 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 the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the director must not approve the financial statements unless he is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group 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 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 financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The director is 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 the group and enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Principal activities

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

Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £228 thousand (2013 - loss £341 thousand).

The company is the holding company for Ronson International Limited and Ronson Incorporated Limited. As disclosed in the financial statements, the director considers it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The group has not paid any dividends during the year.

Director

The director who served during the year was:

Bardia Panahy

Mr Panahy holds no shares in the company nor its parent undertaking.

Director's Report

For the year ended 31 December 2014

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

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

Disclosure of information to auditor

The director at the time when this Director's report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company and the group's auditor is unaware, and
- he has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company and the group's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on

26 MAY 2015

and signed on its behalf.

Bardia Panahy

Director



Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ronson Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Ronson Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014, which comprise the consolidated Profit and loss account, the consolidated and company Balance sheets, the consolidated Cash flow statement and reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds/debt 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 director and auditor

As explained more fully in the Director's responsibilities statement, 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 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 (APB'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 group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 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.

Opinion on other matter 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.



Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ronson Limited

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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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 director's 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
MILTON KEYNES

Date: 9/6/2015

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 £000	2013 £000
Turnover	1,2	:	
Continuing operations	, .	1,904	1,983
Cost of sales	3	(1,495)	(1,556)
Gross profit	· .	409	427
Distribution costs	3	(87)	(127)
Administrative expenses	.3	(364)	(421)
Operating loss	4	(42)	(121)
Profit on disposal of investments		490	-
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(220)	(220)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		228	(341)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	8 .		
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	17	228	(341)

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2014 or 2013 other than those included in the Profit and loss account.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2014

	Note	£000	2014 £000	£000	2013 £000
Fixed assets					
Investments	11		-		25
Current assets					
Stocks	12	151		293	
Debtors	13	152		197	
Cash at bank		360		73	
	_	663	_	563	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,580)	_	(2,733)	
Net current liabilities	_		(1,917)	_	(2,170)
Total assets less current liabilities			(1,917)	_	(2,145)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	_	(1,420)	_	(1,420)
Net liabilities		=	(3,337)	_	(3,565)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	16		479		479
Share premium account	17		1,989		1,989
Profit and loss account	17	_	(5,805)		(6,033)
Shareholders' deficit	18	=	(3,337)	=	(3,565)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 26/5/15

Bardia Panahy

Director

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Company Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2014

	Note	€000	2014 £000	£000	2013 £000
Fixed assets					
Investments	11		2,350		2,350
Current assets					
Debtors	13	200		200	
Cash at bank		1		1	
		201		201	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,744)		(2,481)	
Net current liabilities			(2,543)		(2,280)
Total assets less current liabilities			(193)		70
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(1,420)		(1,420)
Net liabilities			(1,613)		(1,350)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	16		479		479
Share premium account	17		1,989		1,989
Profit and loss account	17		(4,081)		(3,818)
Shareholders' deficit	18		(1,613)		(1,350)

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Bardia Panahy

Director

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 £000	2013 £000
Net cash flow from operating activities	19	(193)	. 33
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	20	(1)	(1)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	20	515	-
Cash inflow before financing	-	321	32
Financing	20	(34)	34
Increase in cash in the year	_	287	66

Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to Movement in Net Funds/Debt

For the year ended 31 December 2014

2014 £000	2013 £000
287	66
34	(34)
321	32
(1,581)	(1,613)
(1,260)	(1,581)
	£000 287 34 321 (1,581)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2014

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of Ronson Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries').

1.3 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.4 Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

Goodwill is the difference between amounts paid on the acquisition of a business and the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities. It is amortised to the Profit and loss account over its estimated economic life.

Research and development expenditure is charged to profits in the year 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.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment, Fixtures and fittings - 15% - 33% per annum

1.6 Investments

- (i) Subsidiary undertakings
 Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.
- (ii) Other investments

 Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.8 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Profit and loss account.

1.9 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

2. Turnover

A geographical analysis of turnover is as follows:

	1,904	1,983
United Kingdom Rest of European Union Rest of world	585 507 812	836 683 464
	2014 £000	£000

The whole of the turnover and profit before taxation from continuing activities is attributable to the company's principal activities.

3. Analysis of operating loss

		2014		2013
	Continuing £000	Discontinued £000	Continuing £000	Discontinued £000
Turnover	1,904	-	1,983	-
Cost of sales	(1,495)		(1,556)	
Gross profit	409	-	427	-
Distribution costs	(87)	-	(127)	• •
Administrative expenses	(364)		(421)	<u>. </u>
•	(42)	<u>-</u>	(121)	-

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4.	Operating loss	

			2014 £000	2013 £000
Auditor's remuneration Difference on foreign exchange			17 16	19 7
		-		
Staff costs	•	•		
Staff costs, including director's remun	neration, were as follows	3:		
	: ·		2014 £000	201: £000
Wages and salaries Social security costs			103 5	. 114
Other pension costs			1	2
		·	109	123
The average monthly number of emp	loyees, including the dir	ector, during the y	ear was as follo	ows:
			2014	2013
		•	No.	No

No.	No.
4	. 6

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Pees	25	38
		

During the year, no directors participated in money purchase pension schemes.

Interest payable

		201 £00	
On bank loans and overdrafts Finance charges on shares classed as financial liabili	ties	21	1 1 9 219
		22	220

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8. Taxation

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2013 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.50% (2013 - 23.25%). The differences are explained below:

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Profit/loss on ordinary activities before tax	228	(341)
Profit/loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.50% (2013 - 23.25%)	49	(79)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment	42	51
Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation	(4)	(5)
Non-taxable income	(105)	• -
Tax losses arising / (utilisation) of tax losses	18	33
Current tax charge for the year (see note above)		-

Factors that may affect future tax charges

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.

9. Intangible fixed assets

		Develop- ment
Group		£000
Cost		
At 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014		210
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014		210
Net book value	· .	
At 31 December 2014	4	-
At 31 December 2013		· · ·

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			:	•			
).	Tangible fixed assets			:		•	
•			:				Fixtures and fittings
	Group						£000
	Cost						
	At 1 January 2014 and 31 Decemb	er 2014	:	-	: .:		943
	Depreciation	•		•		F	
	At 1 January 2014 and 31 Decemb	er 2014	٠		•		943
	Net book value		•				
	At 31 December 2014						-
	At 31 December 2013						: <u>-</u>
i.	Fixed asset investments						
				•			Unlisted investments
	Group				•		£000
	Cost or valuation						
	At 1 January 2014 Disposals				:		51 (51)
	At 31 December 2014					•	
	Impairment				,		
,	At 1 January 2014 Impairment on disposals		•	•			26 (26)
	At 31 December 2014				•		-
	Net book value			-			
	At 31 December 2014						_
			,				
٠	At 31 December 2013		:				25
	Subsidiary undertakings						
	The following were subsidiary und	lertakings of t	the c	company:	•		
	Name				Class of s	hares	Holding
	Ronson International Limited EMHOL Limited Ronson Incorporated Limited				Ordinary Ordinary Ordinary	5p shares £1 shares	100% 100% 100%

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11. Fixed asset investments (continued)

	Investments in subsidiary companies
	£000
 •	28,651
•	
	26,301
	2,350
	2,350

Details of the principal subsidiaries can be found under note number 25.

12. Stocks

		Group	<u>:</u>	Company
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Finished goods and goods for resale	151	293	-	-

13. Debtors

	<u> </u>	Group		Company
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Trade debtors	. 124	141	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-		200	200
Other debtors	16	46	• • • • •	. · · · · -
Prepayments and accrued income	12	10	-	-
- -	152	197	200	200

Included in trade debtors are factored debts with a value of £NIL (2013: £141k).

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14. Creditors:

Amounts falling due within one year

en e		Group	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Company
	2014 £000	2013 £000	2014 £000	2013 £000
Other loans	200	234	200	200
Trade creditors	274	527	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	80	84	629	585
Other taxation and social security	1	. 11	-	
Other creditors	46	86	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,979	1,791	1,915	1,696
	2,580	2,733	2,744	2,481
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				

There is a fixed charge over all present freehold and leasehold property, with a first fixed charge over book and other debts, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital, both present and future, as well as a floating charge over all assets and undertakings both present and future.

15. Creditors:

Amounts falling due after more than one year

		Group		Company
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	£000	£000	€000	£000
Share capital treated as debt (Note 16)	1,420	1,420	1,420	1,420

Disclosure of the terms and conditions attached to the non-equity shares is made in note 16.

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

		Group _		Company
••	2014	2013	2014	2013
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Repayable other than by instalments	1,420	1,420	1,420	1,420

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16. Share capital

	2014	2013
	£000	€000
Shares classified as capital		
Authorised		
1,314,611 ordinary shares of £10 each	13,146	13,146
47,387,817 deferred shares of £0.0499 each	2,365	2,365
183,877,060 "A" deferred shares of £0.0001 each	18	18
	· ·	
	15,529	15,529
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
46,108 ordinary shares of £10 each	461	461
183,877,060 "A" deferred shares of £0.0001 each	18	18
	479	479
Shares classified as debt		
Authorised		
200 8% convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares of		
£10000 each	2,000	2,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
142 8% convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares of		
£10000 each	1,420	1,420
		<u> </u>

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 or the third tranche on 2012 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.

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17. Reserves

Group At 1 January 2014 Profit for the financial year	Share premium account £000	Profit and loss account £000 (6,033)
At 31 December 2014	1,989	(5,805)
Company At 1 January 2014 Loss for the financial year	Share premium account £000	Profit and loss account £000 (3,818) (263)
At 31 December 2014	1,989	(4,081)
18. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' deficit Group Opening shareholders' deficit Profit/(loss) for the financial year	2014 £000 (3,565) 228	2013 £000 (3,224) (341)
Closing shareholders' deficit	(3,337)	(3,565)
Company	2014 £000	2013 £000
Opening shareholders' deficit Loss for the financial year	(1,350) (263)	(1,086) (264)
Closing shareholders' deficit	(1,613)	(1,350)

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Profit and loss account.

The loss for the year dealt with in the accounts of the company was £263 thousand (2013 - £-264 thousand).

19. Net cash flow from operating activities

one year

Net debt

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Operating loss Operat	£000 (121) 8 (42) 188
Decrease in stocks 142 Decrease/(increase) in debtors 47 (Decrease)/increase in creditors (336) Decrease in amounts owed to group undertakings (4)	8 (42) 188 - - - 33
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(Decrease)/increase in creditors (336) Decrease in amounts owed to group undertakings (4)	33
Decrease in amounts owed to group undertakings (4)	2013
	2013
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities (193)	2013
	•
	•
20. Analysis of cash flows for headings netted in cash flow statement	•
2014	£000
€000	
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	
Interest paid (1)	(1)
in the control of the	
2014	2013
£000	£000
Capital expenditure and financial investment	
Sale of unlisted and other investments 515	-
2014	2013
£000	£000
Financing	
Other new loans -	34
Repayment of other loans (34)	-
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing (34)	34
21. Analysis of changes in net debt	
Other	
non-cash	
1 January Cash flow changes 31 I 2014	December 2014
£000	£000
Cash at bank and in hand 73 287 -	360
Debt:	300
	/000°
Debts due within one year (234) 34 -	(200)
Debts falling due after more than one year (1.420)	

(1,420)

(1,581)

321

(1,420)

(1,260)

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22. Contingent liabilities

Group undertakings have provided guarantees to HM Revenue and Customs totalling £5,000 (2013: £5,000).

The company has provided unlimited guarantees for the borrowing of its subsidiary undertakings. As at 31 December 2014, subsidiary undertakings had borrowings of £nil (2013: £nil) which were subject to this guarantee.

23. Related party transactions

The group

During the year the group purchased services from Acela Limited to the value of £229,638 (2013 -£265,519). At 31 December 2014 the group owed £22,494 (2013 - £127,358) to Acela Limited. K Jahanshad is a director of both Ronson International Limited and Acela Limited.

The company

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 £1,225,000 of interest accrued relating to this (2013 - £1,075,000). Mitchell (UK) Limited is a related party due to its shareholding in Ronson Limited.

There exists a consultancy contract, dated 1 March 2004, between AMY Holdings Limited and Ronson Limited at a cost to the company of £10,000 per annum (2013 - £10,000 per annum). The charge for the year was £10,000 (2013 - £10,000). Either party can terminate this agreement with two months' written notice.

At 31 December 2014 £1,000 (2013 - £4,000) was due from the group to AMY Holdings Limited. A further £80,000 (2013 - £80,000) is due in relation to a loan made in 2003.

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 £665,346 (2013 - £602,000) accrued interest relating to this.

During 2009, the company received a loan of £200,000 from Mitchell (UK) Limited. At 31 December 2014, this remains unpaid.

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

24. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

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.

25. Principal subsidiaries

Company name

Percentage Shareholding Description

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25. Principal subsidiaries (continued)

Company name	Percentage Shareholding	Description
Ronson International Limited	100	Sourcing, marketing, sales, distribution, licensing of branded goods
EMHOL Limited	100	Dormant holding company
Ronson Incorporated Limited	100	Non trading

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 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.

Ronson Polska Sp.z.o.o. was closed in the prior year resulting in a gain of £160k recognised in profit and loss.

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

26. Going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the group will continue to trade for the foreseeable future.

The group made an operating loss of £41k (2013 -£121k) and a net profit before taxation of £229k (2013 -£-341k) for the year ended 31 December 2014. At that date the group had net liabilities of £3,337k (2013 -£-3,565k). The group continues to rely on the support of other group companies and that of its preference shareholders which has enabled it to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The directors have considered the working capital needs of the group for the next 12 months and, based on the continued support referred to above, they have concluded that the group will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.