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# **SANOH UK MANUFACTURING LIMITED**

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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## STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The directors present the Strategic Report of Sanoh UK Manufacturing Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 March 2015.

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

For the second year in a row, total turnover remained fairly static. The expected reduction from the loss of the contract to supply part processed tube to an associated company in Europe was restricted to less than £1M, as the transfer date on most of the work was delayed beyond the end of the financial year. The projected growth in our Land Rover business did occur but was required to offset a lower volume from Honda and some softening of the Nissan business as the Juke is now a mature product. One result of these changes is that Jaguar Land Rover became our largest customer this year.

Though it happened late in the year and so had little impact on this year's results, the start of production on the XE model is notable as being our first work for Jaguar and so a very important step for the future. The successful introduction of this project by the Jaguar Land Rover team, while their existing Land Rover business was also increasing, is a testament to the experience and professionalism of our workforce.

The Swindon production facility inside the Honda factory was expanded in the middle of the year to include the bending operations on the pipes that were already being assembled there. The completion of this joint project by the two companies has seen a further reduction in transport costs, together with the environmental benefits of saving several Bristol/Swindon round trips by lorry each day.

Towards the end of the year solar panel systems were installed on the two factories we own in Bristol. These are not only effective cost saving systems, with environmental benefits, but also an indication that the company now has the financial strength to be able to consider discretionary investments that do not directly support the core business. Fixed asset spend also included the first small instalment on an extension to the Grandeur Point factory that will be completed during 2015/16.

### **Business Environment**

For some years China has been the engine providing the growth that it was hoped would pull the world out of the doldrums economically. It was also the main driver of growth in the car industry. A slowdown in the rate of growth in China has now resulted in a fall in car sales there and the tensions between Russia and the West have led to sanctions and lower car sales in Russia. However the slack has been taken up in other areas, such as North America, Europe and the home UK market, so that total world volume is not adversely affected.

It feels like a more normal situation when a range of pluses and minuses in different areas offset one another to result in a small net change to total volumes. Now we have three major customers there is the chance for the same to happen across our customer base and that is what we do see. Jaguar Land Rover are enjoying the benefits of a major company re-structuring that has produced several new vehicle designs. Nissan is making record numbers of cars in its Sunderland plant though the Juke, for which we supply most of our parts there, is a mature product with a steady output. Honda has recently crystallised plans to rationalise production in its plants across the world and we expect to see increased volume from there over the next couple of years.

## **Strategy**

We will continue to focus on the three factors that have been key to the growth of the company for the past twenty years: product quality, customer service and cost saving. Though these have evolved somewhat over recent years to also include our contribution to improvements in the quality, service and cost of our customers' offerings.

Quality now includes better labelling, sometimes at part level, to facilitate improved parts control on customer production lines. Customer service now means much more than meeting delivery timescales. It means maintaining the capability to react at very short notice to significant increases, reductions or changes in product mix as customers tailor their output more closely to demand. Efforts to eliminate unnecessary costs are evidenced by the successful expansion of the production facility within the Honda factory during the year which has considerably reduced their transport costs.

### STRATEGIC REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

We do, however, see that this extension of our responsibilities serves another of our aims, in that co-operation with customers on these projects is a good means of further developing our close working relationships with long term trading partners.

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The key business risks affecting the company are set out below:

### Competition

The limited number of competitors in the UK is a reflection of the limited number of car manufacturers in the country and the number of major contracts available. Competition for each contract is still fierce as the automotive companies are adept at managing contract negotiations whatever the number of potential suppliers. We are therefore well aware of the threat from the competition and seek to mitigate it by maintaining close communications with our customers at all times and continually reviewing our manufacturing and business processes to improve the service we offer.

### **Product warranty**

Even with a very good track record, total cover against all warranty costs would be prohibitively expensive but we believe it is right to have a limited cover in place. However, the cost of that limited cover would increase significantly with a poor claims record and so the main defence against warranty costs has to remain a focus on product quality.

### Market

There is a clear exposure to market risk, with a small number of customers in one business sector and very little opportunity to expand into exports. We seek to expand our customer base whenever possible but see ourselves continuing to be an automotive component supplier for the foreseeable future. Three years of making reasonable profits has provided the opportunity to rebuild our reserves and develop the strength to help ride out short term market changes and to allow the time to adapt the company structure for longer term changes

### FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

•	2015	2014	
Growth in sales	-1%	1%	Year on year sales (reduction)/growth expressed as a percentage
Customer rejects	14.3	14	Average of customer rejects per million parts delivered as reported by our major customers
On time deliveries	99.9%	99.8%	Average of on time delivery performance as reported by our major customers who demand timed delivery schedules each day.

This report was approved by the board on

18/12/15

and signed on its behalf by:

P Davis Director

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of Sanoh UK Manufacturing Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 March 2015.

### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The company manufactures steel and nylon tubular products for the automotive industry from factories in Bristol, Sunderland and Swindon.

### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The results for the company show a profit for the financial year of £2,781,000 (2014: £2,866,000) and turnover of £26,194,000 (2014: £26,571,000). The company has net funds of £2,999,000 (2014: £2,434,000). Net cash flow from operating activities was £4,875,000 (2014: £4,165,000).

The directors have proposed the payment of a dividend of £1,911,000 (2014: £1,989,000) representing £4.90 (2014: £5.10) on each ordinary share. The aggregate dividend on the ordinary shares recognised during the year amounts to £1,989,000 (2014: £Nil).

### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

P Davis

W J Burke

Y Takeda

R Harada

J Hayashi

N Tanaka

S Tanaka

### **FUTURE OUTLOOK**

Soon after the year end we did finally transfer, to another group company, the last of the work to part process straight pipes for an associated company in Europe. This had been planned for some time as part of a Sanoh Group project to rationalise, strengthen and grow its European business. In the short term it will reduce turnover by nearly 15% but it will also create the space required by growth in other contracts that will more than recover the lost volume over a couple of years.

## FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include the effects of changes in market prices, credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and exchange rate risk. The company has in place a risk management programme that seeks to limit the adverse effects on the financial performance of the company by monitoring levels of debt finance and the related finance costs.

Given the size of the company, the directors have not delegated the responsibility of monitoring financial risk management to a sub-committee of the board. The policies set by the board of directors are implemented by the company's finance department.

### Price risk

The company is exposed to commodity price risk as a result of its operations. However, given the size of the company's operations, the costs of managing exposure to commodity price risk exceed any potential benefits. The directors will revisit the appropriateness of this policy should the company's operations change significantly in size or nature.

### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

#### Credit risk

The company has implemented policies that require appropriate credit checks on potential customers before sales are made. Where debt finance is utilised, this is subject to pre-approval by the board of directors at which point the total exposure to any individual counterparty is considered.

In common with other businesses we must now also recognise that there is a risk to cash and cash deposits with financial institutions. The strength and stability of those with whom we deal is therefore an important factor considered in the selection process.

#### Interest rate risk

The company has had occasional interest bearing assets and more significant interest bearing liabilities.

The interest bearing assets have been short-term cash balances, which may be available from time to time and have been invested at variable rate. Short-term borrowings on overdraft are arranged on variable interest rates.

Borrowings against the bank loan facility are at rates fixed at the time of each drawing.

## Exchange rate risk

The company has always made significant purchases in Japanese yen and the proportion of these that are matched by customer sales price variation agreements linked to the sterling/yen exchange rate has been falling. However, development of a US dollar source for some of these purchases together with some diversification into euro and sterling supplies, means that exchange rate risk is spread across a range of currencies, though the yen still remains the largest.

Being spread throughout the year these exposures are subject to a degree of averaging that reduces the impact of short term fluctuations and the longer term risk is considered very carefully in all the companies pricing decisions.

### Liquidity risk

The improved profitability over the past few years has strengthened the balance sheet and created a more favourable cash position. The bank loan facility we have in place has become more of an insurance policy than a facility for regular use. The directors believe that this provides the resources necessary to support the company and its operations.

## **EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT**

The company systematically provides employees with information on matters of concern to them, consulting them or their representatives regularly, so that their views can be taken into account when making decisions that are likely to affect their interests. Employee involvement in the company is encouraged, as achieving an awareness on the part of employees of the external factors affecting the company plays a role in maintaining both employee satisfaction and company performance.

### **DISABLED PERSONS**

The company is committed to employment policies, which follow best practice, based on equal opportunities for all employees, irrespective of sex, race, colour, disability or marital status. The company gives full and fair consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. Appropriate arrangements are made for the continued employment and training, career development and promotion of disabled persons employed by the company. If members of staff become disabled the company seeks to continue employment, either in the same or an alternative position, with appropriate retraining being given if necessary.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

### **DIRECTORS' INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES**

The directors have the benefit of the indemnity provisions contained in the Company's Articles and the company has maintained throughout the year Directors' and Officers' liability insurance for the benefit of the company, the directors and its officers. The company has entered into qualifying third party indemnity arrangements for the benefit of all its directors in a form and scope which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and which were in force throughout the year and remain in force.

### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make 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;
- 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.

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

### DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- that director 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's auditors are aware of that information.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on

18/12/15

and signed on its behalf by:

P Davis Director

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SANOH UK MANUFACTURING LIMITED

## Report on the financial statements

### Our opinion

In our opinion, Sanoh UK Manufacturing Limited's financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of its profit and cash flows 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.

#### What we have audited

The financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), comprise:

- the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2015;
- the Profit and Loss Account for the year then ended;
- the Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation comprises applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

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

In our opinion 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.

## Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

## Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

## **Directors' remuneration**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law have not been made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SANOH UK MANUFACTURING LIMITED

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

## Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, 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 & Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

### What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). 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 the directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Duncan Stratford (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Bristol

Date: 18 December 2015.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	Note	2015 £000	2014 £000
TURNOVER	1,2	26,194	26,571
Change in stocks of finished goods and work in progress		(356)	460
Own work capitalised		233	63
Raw materials and consumables		(12,991)	(14,126)
Other operating charges		(1,324)	(1,335)
Staff costs	5	(7,579)	(7,261)
Depreciation		(655)	(635)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	3,522	3,737
Interest payable and similar charges	7		(9)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		3,522	3,728
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(741)	(862)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	15	2,781	2,866

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2015 or 2014 other than those included in the Profit and Loss Account above and therefore no separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has been presented.

There are no material differences between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the financial years stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

# SANOH UK MANUFACTURING LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 2607806

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

	Note	£000	2015 £000	£000	2014 £000
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		4,278		3,451
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	2,387		3,429	
Debtors	11	4,298		4,629	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,999		2,434	
	_	9,684	_	10,492	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,811)		(6,643)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	_		3,873		3,849
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI	TIES	-	8,151	-	7,300
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
Deferred taxation	13		(129)		(70)
NET ASSETS			8,022	<u>-</u>	7,230
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		_		_	
Called up share capital	14		390		390
Capital redemption reserve	15		1,170		1,170
Profit and loss account	15		6,462	_	5,670
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16	_	8,022	· •	7,230

P Davis Director

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	Note	2015 £000	2014 £000
Net cash flow from operating activities	18	4,875	4,165
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	19	•	(9)
Taxation		(840)	(878)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	19	(1,481)	(549)
Equity dividends paid		(1,989)	-
CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING	-	565	2,729
Financing	19	-	(1,000)
INCREASE IN CASH IN THE YEAR	•	565	1,729
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMEN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015	TS IN NET FUNDS	DEBT	
		2015 £000	2014 £000
Increase in cash in the year		565	1,729
Cash outflow from decrease in debt and lease financing		-	1,000
MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT IN THE YEAR	· ·	565	2,729
Net funds/(debt) at 1 April	_	2,434	(295)
NET FUNDS AT 31 MARCH	-	2,999	2,434

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below.

### 1.2 Turnover

Turnover is stated net of value added tax. It represents the value of goods supplied and is recognised at the point of delivery, when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the customer.

### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use. 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:

Long term leasehold property

Plant, machinery and office

equipment

Motor vehicles
Assets in the course of

construction

Over the lease term

10% to 33 1/3% on a straight line basis

- 35% on a reducing balance basis

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### 1.4 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

### 1.5 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition and net realisable value, as follows:

Raw Materials: Purchase cost on a first in, first out basis.

Work in progress and finished goods: Cost of direct materials and labour, plus an appropriate proportion of attributable overheads based on the normal level of activity.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less any further costs expected to be incurred to completion or disposal.

Provisions are made for obsolete or slow moving items.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### 1.6 Current and deferred taxation

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted, or substantively enacted, by the Balance Sheet date.

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as 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 assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

### 1.7 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.

### 1.8 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.

### 1.9 Recognition of profit on tooling projects

Tooling projects are considered on a contract specific basis and profit recognised when earned in line with the terms of the contract.

## 1.10 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase agreements are capitalised in the Balance Sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives or the length of the lease if shorter. The interest element of rental obligations is charged to the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

### 1.11 Dividend distribution

A final dividend distribution to the company shareholders is recognised as a liability when it is appropriately authorised and no longer at the discretion of the company. Interim dividends are recognised when paid.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

## 2. TURNOVER

Turnover is attributable to one activity, the manufacture of components for the car industry.

A geographical analysis of turnover is as follows:

	United Kingdom Europe Rest of world	2015 £000 22,339 3,846 9 26,194	2014 £000 22,461 4,100 10 26,571
3.	OPERATING PROFIT		
	The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):		
		2015 £000	2014 £000
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the company Operating lease rentals:	655	635
	- plant and equipment - land and buildings Difference on foreign exchange Profit/loss on sale of tangible assets	13 135 94 (1)	13 131 (25) 192
4.	AUDITORS' REMUNERATION		•
		2015 £000	2014 £000
	Fees payable to the Company's auditors for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements Fees payable to the Company's auditors in respect of:	20	20
	Taxation compliance services Other non-audit services	5 2 ————	7 2
5.	STAFF COSTS		
	Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:		
		2015 £000	2014 £000
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	6,962 534 83	6,694 526 41
		7,579	7,261

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

### 5. STAFF COSTS (continued)

The average number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:

		2015 Number	2014 Number
	Hourly paid Staff	284 41	271 42
		325	313
6.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION		
		2015 £000	2014 £000
	Aggregate remuneration	<u> </u>	197
	Company pension contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	6	5

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 2 directors (2014: 2) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

The highest paid director received remuneration of £166,000 (2014: £137,000).

The emoluments of Mr Takeda, Mr Harada, Mr Hayashi, Mr N Tanaka and from January 2015, Mr S Tanaka are paid by the parent company. Their services to this company and to a number of fellow subsidiaries are of a non-executive nature and their emoluments are deemed to be wholly attributable to their services to the parent company. For the first nine months of the year the emoluments of Mr S Tanaka were paid by an associated company in Germany which provides a sales and general administration service to the other subsidiaries in mainland Europe. His service to this company is of a non-executive nature and his emoluments are deemed to be wholly attributable to his services to the mainland European companies. Accordingly, the above details include no emoluments in respect of these directors.

### 7. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Interest on loans wholly repayable within five years Invoice discounting	- -	7 2
	-	9

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

## 8. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Analysis of tax charge in the year		
Current tax		
UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	682	916
Deferred tax (see note 13)		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	59	(54)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	741	862

## Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2014: higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21% (2014: 23%). The differences are explained below:

2015 £000	2014 £000
3,522	3,728
740	857
14	15
(73)	44
1	-
682	916
	740 14 (73) 1

## Factors that may affect future tax charges

The March 2013 Budget Statement announced changes to the UK Corporation tax rates that were substantively enacted as part of the Finance Bill 2013 on 2 July 2013. These reduced the main rate of corporation tax to 21% from 1 April 2014 and to 20% from 1 April 2015. As the changes have been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date their effects are included in these financial statements.

The July 2015 Budget Statement announced further changes to the UK Corporation tax rate which will reduce the main rate of corporation tax to 19% from 1 April 2017 and to 18% from 1 April 2020. As the changes have not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date their effects are not included in these financial statements.

Accordingly, the deferred tax balance has been calculated using a rate of 20%.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

## 9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Long Term Leasehold Property £000	Plant, machinery and office equipment £000	Motor vehicles £000	Assets in the course of construction £000	Total £000
	Cost					
	At 1 April 2014 Additions Disposals Transfer between classes	2,414 187 - -	6,821 888 (26) 142	141 - - -	77 407 - (142)	9,453 1,482 (26)
	At 31 March 2015	2,601	7,825	141	342	10,909
	Accumulated depreciation				· ·	
	At 1 April 2014 Charge for the year On disposals	776 70 -	5,165 557 (26)	61 28 -	- -	6,002 655 (26)
	At 31 March 2015	846	5,696	89	•	6,631
	Net book value					
	At 31 March 2015	1,755	2,129	52	342	4,278
	At 31 March 2014	1,638	1,656	80	77	3,451
10.	STOCKS					
					2015 £000	2014 £000
	Raw materials Work in progress				1,842 338	2,529 769
	Finished goods and goods for r	esale			207	131
				_	2,387	3,429

The difference between purchase price or production cost of stocks and their replacement cost is not material.

## 11. DEBTORS

	4,298	4,629
	<del></del>	<del> </del>
Prepayments and accrued income	103	120
Amounts owed by group undertakings	290	342
Trade debtors	3,905	4,167
	£000	£000
	2015	2014

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### 12. CREDITORS:

Amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Trade creditors	3,754	4,286
Amounts owed to group undertakings	342	349
Corporation tax	307	465
Other taxation and social security	600	671
Accruals and deferred income	808	872
	<del></del>	6,643

The bank overdraft is secured by way of fixed and floating charges on the assets of the company.

## Preference share capital

At 31 March 2015 the company had 1,500,000 (2014: 1,500,000) redeemable preference shares of £1 (2014: £1) each which were authorised but not allotted or called up.

## 13. DEFERRED TAXATION

		2015 £000	2014 £000
	At beginning of year Charge for/(recognised during) year	70 59	124 (54)
	At end of year	129	70
	The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:		
		2015 £000	2014 £000
	Accelerated capital allowances Short term timing differences	141 (12)	79 (9)
		129	70
14.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
		2015 £000	2014 £000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	390,000 (2014: 390,000) Ordinary shares of £1 (2014: £1) each	390	390 

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## 15. RESERVES

15.	RESERVES		
		Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000
	At 1 April 2014	1,170	5,670
	Profit for the financial year	-	2,781
	Dividends: Equity capital	-	(1,989)
	At 31 March 2015	1,170	6,462
<b>16.</b> .	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
		2015 £000	2014 £000
	Opening shareholders' funds	7,230	4,364
	Profit for the financial year	2,781	2,866
	Dividends (Note 17)	(1,989)	
	Closing shareholders' funds	8,022	7,230
17.	DIVIDENDS	2015	2014
		£000	£000
	Dividends paid equivalent to £5.10 per £1 share (2014: £Nil)	1,989	-
18.	NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
		2015	2014
		£000	£000
	Operating profit	3,522	3,737
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	655	635
	(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(1)	192
	Decrease in stocks	1,042 331	13 (174)
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors Decrease in creditors	(674)	(238)
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	4,875	4,165

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## 19. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN CASH FLOW STATEMENT

·	2015 £000	2014 £000
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest paid	<u> </u>	(9)
	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets	(1,482) 1	(549) -
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure	(1,481)	(549)
	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Financing		
Repayment of loans	-	(1,000)
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## 20. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

Net funds	2,434	565	-	2,999
Cash at bank and in hand	2,434	565	-	2,999
	£000	£000	£000	£000
	2014	,	<b>g</b>	2015
	1 April	Cash flow	Other non-cash changes	31 March

## 21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. There was £16,729 outstanding contributions payable at the end of the year (2014: £14,155).

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## 22. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March, the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

		<b>Land and buildings 2015</b> 2014 <b>£000</b> £000	
	Expiry date:		
	Within 1 year	35	16
	Between 2 and 5 years	52	70
	After more than 5 years	17	17
	Total	104	103
23.	RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
		2015	2014
		£000	£000
	Supply of goods and services by Sanoh Europe (France) EURL	35	25
	Supply of goods and services by Sanoh America Inc.	864	821
	Supply of goods and services to Sanoh Europe (France) EURL	3,430	4,024
	Supply of goods and services by Able Sanoh	6	27
	Supply of goods and services to Sanoh Industrial Co Limited Supply of goods and services to Sanoh Magyer	1 6	-
	Supply of goods and services to Sanon Magyer	0	-
	Transactions with Alconix Corporation:		
	Supply of goods and services by Alconix Corporation	6,015	7,271
	Balances due from/ (to) related parties at the year end are:		
	Sanoh America Inc.	(327)	(355)
	Sanoh Europe (France) EURL	273	342
	Alconix Corporation	(1,960)	(2,574)
	Able Sanoh Industries	<u>-</u>	(14)
	Those transactions were undertaken on normal commercial terms and co	onditions.	
	Directors loans		
		2015	2014
		£	£
	Directors loans outstanding	280	-
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All loans were repaid within 9 months of the year end.

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## 24. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate and ultimate parent company and the controlling party of the company is Sanoh Industrial Company Limited of Japan. It is also the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the Sanoh Industrial Company Limited consolidated financial statements can be obtained from Sanoh Industrial Company Ltd, Koga Office, 4-2-27 Honcho, Koga, Ibaraki 306-0023, Japan.