Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended
31 December 2020

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## Strategic Report For the year ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their strategic report for Berrington UK (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2020. The directors, in preparing this strategic report, have complied with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Results

The profit for the year after tax was £39,230,000 (2019: £351,027,000).

#### Business review and principal activities

The principal activity of the company is that of a non-trading holding company. Its subsidiaries are listed in note 8

The results of the business reflect its status as a holding company.

The company received dividends during the year of £43,829,000 (2019: £356,881,000). It also paid interest of £5,678,000 (2019: £7,227,000).

Following the UK's departure from the European Union, the directors do not consider Brexit will have a material impact on the company as it is non-trading and has no employees.

At the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any likely major changes in the company's activities in the coming year.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The main risk that the company is exposed to is the impairment of investments. The company annually reviews its investments for any indicators of impairment and makes provisions as necessary.

During the year, the World Health Organisation declared that the Covid-19 virus be considered a pandemic. As the company is non-trading and has no employees the primary asset is the value of investments. However, despite Covid 19, the directors do not consider it will have a long term detrimental impact on the value of the company's investments and believe the going concern assumption remains appropriate as set out in note 1.

#### **Key performance indicators (KPIs)**

The directors do not measure the performance of the company through KPIs as the company is non-trading and holds investments.

## Strategic Report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Section 172(1) statement

The company is an intermediary parent of a large group and therefore requires a section 172(1) statement. The company's governance and processes are operated to ensure that all relevant matters are considered by the Board in its principal decision-making, as a means of contributing to the delivery of the company's long-term success.

In the performance of its duty to promote the success of the company and fairness in decision making the Board has agreed to number of matters. This includes listening to and considering the views of its single shareholder and ultimate controlling party as well as the company's other stakeholders to build trust and ensure it fully understands the potential impacts of any decisions on the environments and the communities in which it operates. As the company is a holding company, it is important to distribute cash in excess of its current working capital needs for more efficient utilisation in other parts of the group.

#### Stakeholders engagement

The company aims to build enduring relationships with its stakeholders which may include governments, regulators, partners and communities in the countries where it operates. The company works with its stakeholders in a honest respectful and responsible way. As the company is a holding company its main stakeholders are other group companies. Consequently it ensures that its decisions and policies are closely aligned to that of the group.

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors

Giles Hudson

Director

17 March 2021

## Directors' Report For the year ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the company, together with the audited financial statements and independent auditor's report, for the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company is that of a non-trading holding company. Details of future developments have been discussed on page 1 in the strategic report.

#### Financial risk management policies

The company's principal financial assets are investments. Consequently, the company has no external credit, price or liquidity risks.

#### Going concern

Although the company has substantial net assets, it also has net current liabilities as set out in the balance sheet on page 11. The company also has an obligation to repay a loan on being given 30 days notice along with an obligation to repay the bank overdaft on demand, as set out in Note 10. However, as the company has access to a group banking facility, it consequently has sufficient cash resources to meet any reasonably foreseeable obligation. The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the signing of the financial statements, despite the current economic outlook. Thus, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

As a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic the directors have also considered that this has no impact on the going concern assumption on the basis that:

- As of December 31, 2020, Illinois Tool Works Inc had \$2.6 billion of cash and equivalents on hand, no
  outstanding borrowings under its \$2.5 billion revolving credit facility, and no commercial paper outstanding.
- The company settles its liabilities when due, is non-trading and has no employees.

#### **Dividends**

Dividends of £193,829,000 have been paid during the year (2019: £356,881,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

#### **Directors**

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

Giles Hudson Stephen Rowell

#### Post balance sheet event

The directors have assessed and concluded that there aren't deemed to be any subsequent events that need to be disclosed.

#### **Energy and carbon report**

The company is not providing any disclosures as it is able to obtain an exemption due to not preparing a group Directors report and because it consumes less than 40,000KWh of energy. In addition the company is non-trading, does not have any employees and has no premises.

## Directors' Report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when the directors' report is approved, the following applies:

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

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors propose to reappoint Deloitte LLP as the auditor for the ensuing year.

Deloitte LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as the auditor and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of an Annual General Meeting.

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors

Giles Hudson

Director

17 March 2021

#### **Directors' Responsibilities Statement**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". 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 year.

In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They 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.

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Berrington UK

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of Berrington UK (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of comprehensive income;
- the balance sheet;
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 12.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Berrington UK (continued)

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Berrington UK (continued)

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the company's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework[s] that the company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
   These included UK Companies Act, tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included Bribery Act and GDPR.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks
  of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management and legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

#### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

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

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

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

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

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Berrington UK (continued)

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

#### Use of our report

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

**Andrew Hornby** (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

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**Statutory Auditor** 

Reading

**United Kingdom** 

Date: 17 March 2021

# Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 December 2020

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	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Income from shares in group undertakings	3	43,829	356,881
Interest payable and similar expenses	5	(5,678)	(7,227)
Profit before taxation	3	38,151	349,654
Tax on profit	6	1,079	1,373
Profit and total comprehensive income for the financial year	_	39,230	351,027
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The results reported above are all derived from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

## Berrington UK Registered number: 03179466

Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2020

	Note		2020 £000		2019 £000
Fixed assets					
Investments	8		2,278,487		2,278,487
,			2,278,487	•	2,278,487
Current assets					
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	1,079		1,373	
	•	1,079	-	1,373	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(651,596)		(497,291)	
Net current liabilities	•	· <del>-</del>	(650,517)		(495,918)
Total assets less current liabilities			1,627,970		1,782,569
Net assets			1,627,970		1,782,569
Capital and reserves					
Called-up share capital	11		500		500
Share premium account	11		1,014,478		1,014,478
Capital contribution	. 11		612,744		612,744
Profit and loss account	11		248		154,847
Shareholder's funds			1,627,970	•	1,782,569

The notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements of Berrington UK, registered number 03179466, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 17 March 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Board

**Giles Hudson** 

Director

# Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Called-up share capital	Share premium		Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2020	500	1,014,478	612,744	154,847	1,782,569
Comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year	-	_	-	39,230	39,230
Total comprehensive income for the year		-		39,230	39,230
Contributions by and distributions to owners					
Dividends paid (see note 7)	-	-	•	(193,829)	(193,829)
Total contributions by and distributions to owners			-	(193,829)	(193,829)
At 31 December 2020	500	1,014,478	612,744	248	1,627,970

# Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 31 December 2019

At 1 January 2019	Called-up share capital £000 500	Share premium £000 1,014,478	Capital contribution reserve £000 612,744	Profit and loss account £000 160,701	Total equity £000 1,788,423
Comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	351,027	351,027
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	351,027	351,027
Contributions by and distributions to owners					
Dividends paid (see note 7)	-	-	-	(356,881)	(356,881)
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	-	-		(356,881)	(356,881)
At 31 December 2019	500	1,014,478	612,744	154,847	1,782,569

The notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. Statement of accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the current year and the preceding year.

#### 1.1 General information and basis of accounting

Berrington UK is a private unlimited company incorporated, registered and domiciled in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on the company information page. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the directors' report on page 3.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland".

The functional currency of Berrington UK is considered to be pound sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates.

#### 1.2 Group financial statements

The company is exempt from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements per s401 of the Companies Act as the company is included within the consolidated financial statements of Illinois Tool Works Inc., which are available as indicated in note 12.

#### 1.3 Qualifying entity disclosure exemptions

In preparing the financial statements of the company, advantage has been taken of the disclosure exemption for qualifying entities. Berrington UK is a qualifying entity as it is a member of a group whose parent prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements which includes the results of the company (further details in note 12). Therefore, Berrington UK has claimed the available exemption not to present a cash flow statement, disclose key management personnel total compensation, disclose related party transactions or the requirement related to financial instrument disclosures.

#### 1.4 Going concern

Although the company has substantial net assets, it also has net current liabilities as set out in the balance sheet on page 11. The company also has an obligation to repay a loan on being given 30 days notice along with an obligation to repay the bank overdaft on demand, as set out in Note 10. However, as the company has access to a group banking facility, it consequently has sufficient cash resources to meet any reasonably foreseeable obligation. The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the signing of the financial statements, despite the current economic outlook. Thus, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

As a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic the directors have also considered that this has no impact on the going concern assumption on the basis that:

- As of December 31, 2020, Illinois Tool Works Inc had \$2.6 billion of cash and equivalents on hand, no outstanding borrowings under its \$2.5 billion revolving credit facility, and no commercial paper outstanding.
- The company settles its liabilities when due, is non-trading and has no employees.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. Statement of accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.5 Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

#### 1.6 Finance costs

Finance costs are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, incorporating the profit and loss account over the term of the debt at a constant rate on the carrying amount.

#### 1.7 Dividends

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

#### 1.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

#### 1.9 Impairment of assets

Assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss as described below.

#### Non-financial assets

An asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, the estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

#### **Financial assets**

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of an impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

For financial assets carried at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that would be received for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired financial asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. Statement of accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.10 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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 company after deducting all of its liabilities.

#### Financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs) and subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the company transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the company, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party and the other party has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### 1.11 Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign 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.

The tax expense or income is presented in the same component of comprehensive income or equity as the transaction or other event that resulted in the tax expense or income.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 2. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that year, or in the year of the revision and future years if the revision affects both current and future years.

#### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

In preparing the financial statements the directors have made the following estimate:

• Determining whether there are indicators of impairment of the company's fixed asset investments. Factors taken into consideration in reaching a decision include the economic viability and expected future financial performance of the investments as well as any significant changes to the technological, market, economic or legal environments in which the investments operate. At the end of the year the carrying amount was £2,278,487,000.

The directors do not consider there to be any critical accounting judgements.

#### 3. Profit before taxation

Profit is stated after crediting:

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Income from shares in group undertakings	43,829	356,881
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Fees for the audit of the financial statements are borne by another group company. The audit fee for the year, if allocated to the company, would be £4,000 (2019: £4,000).

#### 4. Staff costs and directors' emoluments

There were no employees of the company during either year.

Two directors (2019: two) are also directors of ITW Limited, a fellow group company. ITW Limited paid the directors £432,981 (2019: £452,349) of emoluments and the directors accrued benefits under a defined benefit scheme. The directors do not receive any emoluments in respect of services to this company. The emoluments of the highest paid director were £229,426 (2019: £246,089) and the accrued pension entitlement under the company's defined benefit schemes of the highest paid director at 31 December 2020 was £66,267 (2019: £63,382).

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

5.	Interest payable and similar expenses		
		2020 £000	2019 £000
	Interest payable to group companies	5,614	7,227
	Bank interest payable	64	-
		5,678	7,227
6.	Tax on profit		
		2020	2019
	Current tax on profit	£000	£000
	UK corporation tax	(1,079)	(1,373)
	Total tax	(1,079)	(1,373)

The standard rate of tax applied to reported profit on ordinary activities is 19% (2019: 19%).

#### Factors affecting future tax charges

In the 2020 Spring Budget the Government announced that from 1 April 2020 the corporation tax rate would remain at 19%. This new law was substantively enacted on 17 March 2020.

At the Budget 2021 on 3 March 2021, the Government announced that the Corporation Tax rate will increase to 25% for companies with profits above £250,000 with effect from 1 April 2023, as well as announcing a number of other changes to allowances and treatment of losses. These changes are not yet substantively enacted, and the company has not yet undertaken a full analysis of the impact of the changes.

The differences between the total tax charge shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to profit before tax is as follows:

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Profit before taxation	38,151	349,654
Profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019: 19%)  Effects of:	7,249	66,434
Non taxable income	(8,328)	(67,807)
Total tax credit for the year	(1,079)	(1,373)

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

7.	Dividends		
		2020 £000	2019 £000
	Dividends paid of £387.6564 (2019: 713.76) per share	193,829	356,881
8.	Investments		
			Investments in subsidiary companies £000
	Cost		2 270 407
	At 1 January 2020		2,379,187
	At 31 December 2020		2,379,187
	Impairment		
	At 1 January 2020		100,700
	At 31 December 2020		100,700
	Net book value		
	At 31 December 2020		2,278,487
	At 31 December 2019		2,278,487

### **Principal subsidiary**

The company owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of ITW Limited, which is registered in England and Wales. ITW Limited designs and manufactures an array of highly engineered fasteners and components, equipment and consumable systems and a variety of speciality products and equipment for customers around the world.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 8. Investments (continued)

### Subsidiary undertakings

In the opinion of the directors the aggregate value of the company's investment consisting of shares in or amounts owed by its subsidiaries and associates is not less than the aggregate amounts at which they are stated in the balance sheet.

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the company:

Name	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
Avery Malaysia Sdn Bhd <sup>(1)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Distribution company
Avery Weigh-Tronix Limited(2)	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
Avery Weigh-Tronix International Limited(3)	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
Avery Weigh-Tronix Properties Limited <sup>(4)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
Avery Weigh-Tronix (Suzhou) Co Ltd(5)	Ordinary	100%	Manufacturing company
Beijing Miller Electric Manufacturing Co. Ltd <sup>(6)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Brooks Instrument (Shanghai) Co. Ltd <sup>(7)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Dongguan Ark-Les Electric Components Co., Ltd <sup>(8)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Dongguan CK Branding Co., Ltd <sup>(9)</sup>	Ownership Capital	100%	Manufacturing company
Gun Hwa Platech (Taicang) Co. Ltd <sup>(10)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Hobart Food Equipment Co., Ltd <sup>(11)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Hobart International (Singapore) Pte. Ltd(12)	Percentage Ownership	100%	Distribution company
Hobart Korea LLC(13)	Percentage Ownership	100%	Distribution company
Instron Korea LLC(14)	Shares	100%	Manufacturing company
Instron (Shanghai) Experiment Equipment Trade Co., Ltd <sup>(15)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Distribution company
Instron Holdings Limited(16)	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
Instron International Limited(17)	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
ITW CS (UK) Ltd(18)	Ordinary	100%	Trading company
ITW Korea LLC <sup>(19)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW (China) Investment Company Limited (20)	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
ITW (Ningbo) Components & Fastening Systems Co., Ltd. <sup>(21)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Automotive Components (Chongqing) Co. Ltd <sup>(22)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Automotive Components (Langfang) Co., Ltd. <sup>(23)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Automotive Parts (Shanghai) Co. Ltd(24)	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Construction Products (Shanghai) Co. Ltd <sup>(25)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Construction Products (Singapore) Pte. Ltd <sup>(26)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Distribution company

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## 8. Investments (continued)

Name	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
ITW Contamination Control (Wujiang) Co., Ltd <sup>(27)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Limited <sup>(28)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Manufacturing and distribution company
ITW Pension Funds Trustee Company <sup>(29)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Dormant company
ITW Dynatec Adhesive Equipment (Suzhou) Co. Ltd <sup>(30)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Electronic Components/Products (Shanghai) Co., Ltd <sup>(31)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW FEG Hong Kong Limited(32)	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
ITW GH, LLC <sup>(33)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Graphics Asia Limited(34)	Ordinary	100%	Distribution company
ITW International Holdings LLC(35)	Common Stock	100%	Holding company
ITW International Intellectual Property LLC(36)	Units	100%	Holding company
ITW Philippines Holdings LLC(37)	Common Stock	100%	Holding company
ITW (European) Finance III Co. Ltd (formerly US Finance Gamma LLC) <sup>(38)</sup>	Units	100%	Holding company
ITW Korea LLC <sup>(39)</sup>	Shares	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Meritex Sdn. Bhd. (40)	Ordinary	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW New Zealand <sup>(41)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Packaging Technology (China) Co Ltd <sup>(42)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Performance Polymers Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (43)	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
ITW Performance Plastic (Shanghai) Co. Ltd <sup>(44)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Distribution company
ITW Performance Polymers (Wujiang) Co., Ltd <sup>(45)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Pte. Ltd <sup>(46)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Distribution company
ITW Qufu Automotive Cooling Systems Co. Ltd. <sup>(47)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Simco-Ion (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd(48)	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Specialty Film, LLC <sup>(49)</sup>	Shares	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Specialty Materials (Suzhou) Co., Ltd(50)	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Test & Measurement Equipment (Shanghai) Co., Ltd <sup>(51)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
ITW Thermal Films (Shanghai) Co., Ltd <sup>(52)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Shanghai ITW Plastic & Metal Co. Ltd. <sup>(53)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company

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#### 8. Investments (continued)

Name	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
ITW Welding Singapore Pte. Ltd. (54)	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Meritex Technology (Suzhou) Co. Ltd. <sup>(55)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Pacific Concepts Industries Limited (Enping) (56)	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Plasode Fasteners (Shanghai) Co., Ltd <sup>(57)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
PT ITW Construction Products Indonesia <sup>(58)</sup>	Shares	100%	Manufacturing company
Ramset Fasteners (Hong Kong) Ltd. (59)	Ordinary	100%	Distribution company
Stokvis Tapes Limited <sup>(60)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Manufacturing company
Stokvis Tapes (Beijing) Co. Ltd <sup>(61)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Stokvis Tapes (Shanghai) Co. Limited <sup>(62)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Stokvis Tapes (Shenzhen) Co. Ltd <sup>(63)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Stokvis Tapes (Taiwan) Co. Ltd(64)	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Teknek (China) Limited <sup>(65)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Distribution company
Teknek (Japan) Limited <sup>(66)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Distribution company
Teksaleco Limited <sup>(67)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
Tien tai Electrode (Kunshan) Co., Ltd (68)		100%	Manufacturing company
Vesta (Guangzhou) Catering Equipment Co. Ltd <sup>(69)</sup>	Percentage Ownership	100%	Manufacturing company
Vesta Global Limited <sup>(70)</sup>	Ordinary	100%	Manufacturing company

ITW Airport Ground Equipment (Beijing) Co. Ltd., ITW Marking & Coding (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., Magna Industrial Co. Limited, ITW Graphics Italy S.r.l., ITW Construction Products Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., Advanced Molding Company, Inc, ITW Ampang Industries Philippines, Inc., ITW Construction Products (Suzhou) Co., Ltd, ITW Performance Polymers and Fluids Group FZE, ITW Texwipe Phillipines, Inc. were struck off in the year.

Wujiang Advanced Cleaning Co., Ltd. was merged into ITW Contamination Control (Wujiang) Co., Ltd during the year.

Stokvis Tapes (Hong Kong) Co. Limited and Tien Tai Electrode (Qingdao) Co., Ltd were sold to a third party during the year.

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#### 8. Investments (continued)

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#### 8. Investments (continued)

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9.	Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2020 £000	2019 £000
	Tax recoverable	1,079	1,373
10.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2020 £000	2019 £000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	342,532	338,291
	Amounts owed to group undertakings - non interest bearing unsecured loan notes	100,000	100,000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings - 8% unsecured promissory note	59,000	59,000
	Accruals	21	-
	Bank overdraft	150,043	-
		651,596	497,291

The amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, bear interest at the Bank of England base rate and are repayable upon demand.

The non-interest bearing unsecured loan note and 8% promissory note are repayable to ITW UK at any time after 30 days notice. However, they have confirmed they will not seek to recall this amount in the foreseeable future.

Bank overdrafts (unsecured) are repayable on demand and interest has been charged at an average rate of 2.16%.

#### 11. Called-up share capital and reserves

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Authorised		
100,000,000 (2019 - 100,000,000) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	100,000	100,000
	-	
Called-up, allotted and fully paid		
500,002 (2019: 500,002) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	500	500
•	-	

The company's other reserves are as follows:

The share premium account represents the amount subscribed for share capital in excess of nominal value.

The capital contribution account represents cash and assets given to the company.

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits, losses and other comprehensive income made by the company as well as distributions and other adjustments.

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#### 12. Ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking of the company is ITW UK Finance Gamma Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Illinois Tool Works Inc., which is incorporated in the State of Delaware, United States of America.

The smallest and largest company in which the results of Berrington UK are consolidated is that headed by Illinois Tool Works Inc. Copies of these financial statements are available from Illinois Tool Works Inc., registered office 155 Harlem Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025, United States of America.