Babcock Communications Limited

DIRECTORS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

Company Registered Number:
03196204

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The directors present their Strategic report of the Company, for the year ended 31 March 2014.

Company strategy

The Company offers engineering support services for all aspects of the global communications market including the delivery of turnkey engineering solutions at a system level, the management and upgrade of existing communications infrastructure and the broadcast of analogue radio. The business also provides long-term management and through-life support of communication systems.

The Company's strategy is to expand within these primary business areas, as well as into the transmission of content for digital radio services and video output.

Company business model

The Company aims to create value for its customers by managing the through life delivery of content by utilising its expert engineering teams, scheduling and frequency teams and network of infrastructure and content distribution partners around the world. The company seeks to add further value by becoming customers' strategic partner in the long term, in order to fully understand their needs and implement solutions to deliver long term efficiencies.

Operational and Financial Review

The Company's results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 9 showing a profit for the financial year after tax of £7.8 million (2013: £45.6 million). This includes an exceptional profit on sale of operations of £1.6 million, as a result of restructuring of companies within Babcock International Group PLC.

At 31 March 2014, the Company had net assets of £78.5 million (2013: £70.7 million).

Key performance indicators

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Turnover	**49,697**	55,884
Operating profit (before exceptional item)	**7,822**	9,602

Turnover has decreased by £6.2 million; this mainly due to reduction in broadcast hours from several key customers.

Operating profit (before exceptional items) has decreased by £1.8 million; this was as a result of the reduction in broadcast hours.

Future Developments

The future outlook for the company is good and whilst the markets in which we operate continue to change and be challenged, long term prospects look attractive. The strong positions we hold in these markets and the long-term relationships have developed with our key customers have underpinned our performance in the year. Although we expect continued commercial challenge, the Company is well placed to maximise the significant opportunities with existing and new customers.

Exceptional items

Included in the Profit and Loss account is an exceptional profit of £1.6million relating to the sale of operations that occurred as a result of restructuring within Babcock International Group plc.

Key performance indicators

The company uses Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) measured on a periodic basis to monitor the performance of contracts and ensure operational delivery to our customer base. The primary KPIs relate to the availability of assets to deliver the contracted service levels. KPIs are reviewed at several levels within the company (as described below) in order to ensure performance delivery and mitigate risk.

Principal Risk and Uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. These are managed through the operational review process supplemented at Group level by independent challenge and review by the Group risk manager and the Audit and Risk Committee.

The company's key risks relate to successful delivery of projects and services in a timely fashion and to a technically proficient standard. As such the company employs a robust risk register process by contract to ensure that all key risks are identified, evaluated and ultimately managed as successfully as possible. Key risks are regularly reviewed by senior management and an appropriate KPI system is used to enable prompt identification of issues.

Financial risks are discussed further below. The other key business risks and uncertainties affecting the company are considered to relate to the political and regulatory environment and the ability to recruit and retain quality staff.

Financial Risk Management

The company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include the effects of changes to credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, foreign exchange rate risk and price risk. The company has in place a risk management programme that seeks to limit the adverse effects on the financial performance of the company.

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 of Babcock are managed by the group finance department. Babcock International Group has a policy and procedures manual that sets out guidelines to allow it to manage financial risks and this is applied by the company.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf

J McGrath
Director
26 June 2014

The directors present the audited financial statements of the Company, for the year ended 31 March 2014.

Future Developments

The future developments of the Company are discussed in the Strategic Report.

Dividends

No dividends were paid or proposed during the current or comparative year.

Safety Policy

The Company recognises the promotion of health and safety at work as an important objective. It is company policy to take steps to ensure, as far as reasonably practical, the health, safety and welfare of the employees of the company.

Employment of disabled persons

The policy of the Company is to give full consideration to disabled applicants for employment, having regards to their particular aptitudes and abilities, and they share in the opportunities for training, career development and promotion. If an employee becomes disabled, our objective is the continued provision of suitable employment either in the same or an alternative position, appropriate training being given if necessary.

Employee involvement

It is the policy of the Company to communicate regularly with its employees in briefings and discussions, by written communications on specific topics and on more general issues through employee bulletins. The company routinely discusses issues affecting its employees directly.

Employee information

	Male	**Female**	**TOTAL**
Operations and Administration	290	48	**338**
Senior Management	13	3	**16**
TOTAL	**303**	**51**	**354**

None of the company's directors are employed by the company.

Environment

The Company recognises its responsibility to minimise so far as reasonably possible the potential for adverse impacts from its operations. We aim to achieve the highest standards in environmental management and seek accreditation to appropriate standards where appropriate.

The Company has developed and implemented an environmental policy to ensure that the impact of its activities on the environment is limited to the minimum practicable level.

As a major energy consumer the Company is constantly striving to minimise its energy utilisation thus contributing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Company is always investing in new energy efficient equipment and retiring older technology. This strategy benefits both the environment and the Company bottom line.

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

Under their respective Articles of Association, the directors of the Company are, and were during the year to 31 March 2014, entitled to be indemnified by the Company against liabilities and costs incurred in connection with the execution of their duties or the exercise of their powers, to the extent permitted by the Companies Act 2006.

Babcock International Group PLC also provides protections for directors of companies within the Group against personal financial exposure they may incur in their capacity as such. These include qualifying third party indemnity provisions (as defined by Companies Act 2006) for the benefit of directors of Babcock International Group PLC, including, where applicable, in their capacity as a director of the Company and other companies within the Group. These indemnities came into force in 2012 and remain in force.

Research and development

The Company commits resources to research and development where necessary for the evolution and growth of its business.

Liquidity risk

The Company retains sufficient cash to ensure it has available funds for its operations. The Company also has access to longer term funding from its ultimate parent undertaking if required.

Interest rate cash flow risk

The Company has interest bearing assets in the form of cash balances, interest on which is at a floating rate. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments to manage interest rate costs and as such, no hedge accounting is applied.

Foreign currency exchange rate risk

The company has a policy to minimise foreign currency exchange rate risk through the regular monitoring of foreign currency flows and putting in place where appropriate forward currency exchange contracts.

Price risk

The Company is exposed to commodity price risk as a result of its operations. However, given the size of the company's operation, the cost of managing exposure to commodity price risk exceeds potential benefit. The Directors will revisit the appropriateness of this policy should the Company's operations change in size or nature.

Directors

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

A N Dungate
G D Leeming
R Gillespie (resigned 28th August 2013)
K R Thomas
F Martinelli
J McGrath
A S Lewis
R H Taylor
I S Urquhart

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the annual report and financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 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
- 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.

Auditors and the disclosure of information

Each director, as at the date of this report, has confirmed that insofar as they are aware there is no relevant audit information (that is, information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of this information.

Independent auditors

A resolution proposing to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf

J McGrath
Director
26 June 2014

Independent auditors' report to the members of Babcock Communications Limited

Report on the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion the financial statements, defined below:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2014 and of its 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.

This opinion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of this report.

What we have audited

The financial statements, which are prepared by Babcock Communications Limited, comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 March 2014;
- the profit and loss account 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 is 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.

What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("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.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' Report and Financial Statements (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.

Opinion 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.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Babcock Communications Limited (continued)

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 to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities 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 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.

Phil Harrold (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
East Midlands
30 June 2014

	Notes	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Turnover	2	**49,697**	**55,884**
Cost of sales		**(37,218)**	**(41,740)**
Gross profit		**12,479**	**14,144**
Administrative expenses		**(4,538)**	**(4,423)**
Operating profit (before goodwill amortisation)		**7,941**	**9,721**
Amortisation of goodwill	9	**(119)**	**(119)**
Operating profit – continuing activities		**7,822**	**9,602**
Exceptional items	5	**1,644**	**37,116**
Profit on ordinary activities before interest		**9,466**	**46,718**
Interest receivable and similar income	3	**23**	**153**
Interest payable and similar charges	3	**(89)**	**(209)**
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		**9,400**	**46,662**
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	**(1,588)**	**(1,086)**
Profit for the financial year	20	**7,812**	**45,576**

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

All results derive from continuing operations.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

Company Registered Number: 03196204

	Notes	**2014 £'000**	2013 £'000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets – goodwill	9	**301**	420
Tangible assets	10	**5,560**	6,712
Investments in subsidiary undertakings	11	**260**	260
		6,121	7,392
Current assets			
Stocks	12	**6,290**	3,716
Debtors	13	**104,419**	90,454
Cash at bank and in hand		**9,664**	17,842
		120,373	112,012
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	14	**(37,270)**	(35,815)
Net current assets		**83,103**	76,197
Total assets less current liabilities		**89,224**	83,589
Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year	15	**(10,100)**	(10,100)
Provisions for liabilities	16	**(601)**	(2,778)
Net assets		**78,523**	70,711
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	18	**1,000**	1,000
Share premium account	19	**9,204**	9,204
Profit and loss account	19	**68,319**	60,507
Total shareholders' funds	20	**78,523**	70,711

The financial statements on pages 10-25 were approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf by:

J McGrath
Director
26 June 2014

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards. The principal accounting policies which have been consistently applied are summarised below, together with an explanation of where changes have been made to previous policies in the year.

b) Change in accounting policy

The company adopted the accounting policies of Babcock International Group plc in 2011. As a result of this the company now accounts for long term contract under SSAP 9 Stocks and Long Term Contracts.

c) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment where indicators for impairment exist. Where an impairment loss has been identified, it is recorded within accumulated depreciation. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bring the asset to its working condition for its intended use.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis to write off the cost of all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land over their estimated useful lives or contract period if shorter, to their estimated residual value as follows:

Plant and machinery	4 to 25 years
Freehold buildings	10 to 25 years
Freehold land	Nil
Motor vehicles	5 years
Fixtures and fittings	10 years
Computer equipment	4 to 5 years
Leasehold property	Over the term of the lease

Depreciation will commence on assets in the course of construction once they have been brought into use.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

d) Intangible assets

Intangible fixed assets are stated at cost after amortisation. The intangible fixed assets are amortised on a straight line basis as follows:

(i) Intellectual property rights and know how

The premium paid on the intellectual property rights licence from Babcock International Limited is being amortised over the life of the agreement of 7 years.

Purchased know how is amortised over twenty years.

(ii) Goodwill

When the fair value of the consideration for an acquired undertaking exceeds the fair value of its separable net assets the difference is treated as purchased goodwill and is capitalised and amortised through the profit and loss account over its estimated economic life. Provision is made for any impairment

(iii) Acquired Intangibles

Intangible assets, which are capable of being recognised separately and measured reliably on acquisition of a business, are capitalised at fair value on acquisition. These intangibles consist of contracts acquired. Where these assets have a finite life, they are amortised over the period which they are expected to generate benefits, but generally not exceeding ten years

(iv) Computer Software

Computer software costs are amortised over their expected useful lives of between three and five years.

e) Investments in joint ventures and subsidiaries

Fixed assets investments are stated at cost less provision for impairment in value.

f) Stocks and work in progress

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In the case of raw materials and consumables, cost comprises the purchase cost. In the case of work in progress, cost comprises direct materials and labour and a reasonable proportion of manufacturing overheads based on normal levels of activity.

Net realisable value is based on estimated normal selling price, less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal. Provision is made for obsolete, slow-moving or defective items where appropriate.

g) Long-term contracts

Long term contract balances, which are included in debtors as amounts recoverable on long-term contracts, are valued at the net sales value of the work done less amounts received as progress payments on account.

Any progress payments received in excess of the net sales value of work done are included in creditors as payments received on account of long term contracts.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

h) Turnover

Turnover is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Sale of goods

Turnover is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer and can be reliably measured.

Rendering of services

Turnover from services rendered is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction measured as a proportion of expected total contract costs. Turnover from services provided on a short-term or one-off basis is recognised when the service is complete. The provision of services over a long-term period are treated as construction contracts, and the turnover recognised as set out below.

Construction contracts and long term service contracts

Turnover from construction contracts and long-term service contracts, is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion is determined by the costs incurred on the contract to date or labour hours if appropriate, to the extent that such costs represent progress made on the project. A prudent level of profit attributable to the contract activity is recognised if the final outcome of such contracts can be reliably assessed. An expected loss on a contract is recognised immediately in the income statement. The amount by which turnover exceeds payments on account is shown under debtors as amounts recoverable on contracts. Payments on account, to the extent they are not matched with turnover or offset against work in progress balances in stock, are shown as deferred income within creditors.

i) Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted as at the balance sheet date. The taxation liabilities of certain group companies may be reduced, wholly or in part, by surrender of losses by fellow group companies. The decision to charge group relief is made on a case by case basis.

Deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, 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.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

j) Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless by the balance sheet date there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on sale has been recognised in the financial statements. Neither is deferred tax recognised when fixed assets are sold and it is more likely than not the taxable gain will be rolled over, being charged to tax only if and when the replacement assets are sold.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

k) Pensions costs and other post retirement benefits

The company participates in a group wide pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 'Retirement benefits', accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

The company also operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The amount charged against profit represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

l) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

m) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction or, if hedged forward, at the rate of exchange under the related forward currency contract. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account. Overseas branches are accounted for using the temporal method as set out in SSAP 20 Foreign Currency Transactions.

n) Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding capital element of instalments is included in creditors. The interest element is charged against profits so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the outstanding obligations. Depreciation is calculated to write off the assets over their expected useful lives or over the lease terms where these are shorter.

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

o) Group financial statements

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements afforded by the Companies Act 2006 because it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Babcock International Group PLC which prepares consolidated financial statements which are publicly available.

p) Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) to dispense with the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement in its financial statements, as a consolidated cash flow statement is included in the financial statements of the ultimate parent company.

2 Analysis of turnover

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
By geographical area:		
United Kingdom	**45,624**	48,490
Rest of Europe	**1,260**	1,278
North America	**1,029**	1,490
Africa	**0**	271
Rest of World	**1,784**	4,355
	49,697	55,884

The Company has one class of business being its principle activity.

3 Interest receivable/(payable) and similar income/(charges)

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Interest payable and similar charges:		
Fair value interest	**(89)**	(209)
	(89)	(209)
Interest receivable and similar income:		
Bank interest	**19**	33
Loan interest receivable from group undertaking	**4**	120
	23	153
	(66)	(56)

4 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Depreciation – owned fixed assets (note 10)	**1,155**	1,629
Goodwill amortisation (note 9)	**119**	119
Auditors' remuneration		
- audit fees	**42**	42
- other services	**-**	-
Operating lease rentals		
- land and buildings	**567**	567
- Plant and machinery	**19**	22
Staff costs (note 6)	**14,124**	14,497
Royalty payable (note 11)	**799**	881
Profit on sale of operation (note 5)	**(1,644)**	(33,110)
Profit on disposal of fixed assets (note 5)	**-**	(4,063)
Exchange loss	**181**	65

No other fees are paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, or its associates, in respect of this company, other than the statutory audit of the company. Fees for other services are disclosed on a consolidated basis in the financial statements of the ultimate parent undertaking, Babcock International Group PLC.

5 Exceptional items

Included in the profit and loss account is an exceptional profit on sale of operations of £1.6 million. At the beginning of the financial year Babcock International Group performed a review of the structure of the group and as a result operations in the Company were sold to other Babcock International Group companies.

Prior year exceptional items relate to the sale of certain operations in the Company, to other Babcock Group Companies, generating a profit of £33.1 million, following a review of the structure of the group. In addition, a £4.1 million exceptional profit was generated from sale of the site at Rampisham, which was previously used for the transmission of the BBC World Service.

6 Staff costs

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) was:

	2014 Number	2013 Number
Operations	**283**	312
Management and administration	**71**	89
	354	401

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Wages and salaries	**11,983**	12,468
Social security costs	**815**	814
Share based payments		-
Other pensions costs (see note 23)	**1,326**	1,215
	14,124	14,497

7 Directors' remuneration

All of the directors of the Company are subject to service agreements with and remunerated by other Group companies. It is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of their emoluments relating to the services provided to the Company.

8 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Current tax		
UK Corporation tax on profits of the year	**1,708**	-
Consortium relief for consideration	**-**	1,710
Overseas tax	**40**	8
Current tax charge for the year	**1,748**	1,718
Deferred tax:		
Current tax charge/(credit) for the year	**152**	(23)
Adjustment in respect of prior years	**(603)**	(686)
Impact of change in UK tax rate	**291**	77
Tax charge	**1,588**	1,086

8 Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

The adjustment in respect of prior year relates mainly to consortium relief for consideration. The difference between the total current year tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows. The tax assessed for the year is lower (2013: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23% (2013: 24%).

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	**9,400**	46,662
Tax on profit on ordinary activities at standard UK corporation tax rate of 23% (2013: 24%)	**2,162**	11,199
Effects of:		
Timing differences	**(152)**	23
Income/expenses not deductible for tax purposes	**(302)**	(8,846)
Group relief claimed for nil consideration	**-**	(1)
Overseas Tax	**40**	8
Rate benefit from consortium relief	**-**	(665)
	1,748	1,718

Factors affecting future tax charge

A number of changes to the UK Corporation tax system were announced in the March 2013 Budget Statement. Legislation to reduce the main rate of corporation tax from 24% to 23% from 1 April 2013 is included in the Finance Act 2013. Further reductions to the main rate are proposed to reduce the rate to 21% by 1 April 2014. These further changes had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and, therefore the impact is not included in these financial statements.

9 Intangible fixed assets

	Goodwill £'000
Cost	
At 1 April 2013	2,314
Additions	-
At 31 March 2014	**2,314**
Accumulated amortisation	
At 1 April 2013	1,894
Charge for the year	119
At 31 March 2014	**2,013**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2014	**301**
At 31 March 2013	**420**

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Short leasehold land and buildings £'000	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Vehicles, plant and machinery £'000	Fixtures and fittings and computer equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost					
At 1 April 2013	679	7,147	24,691	4,184	36,701
Additions		3			3
Disposals					
At 31 March 2014	**679**	**7,150**	**24,691**	**4,184**	**36,704**
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 April 2013	89	2,090	23,626	4,184	29,989
Charge for the year	15	201	939		1,155
Disposals					
At 31 March 2014	**104**	**2,291**	**24,565**	**4,184**	**31,144**
Net book value					
At 31 March 2014	**575**	**4,859**	**126**		**5,560**
At 31 March 2013	590	5,057	1,065	-	6,712

Included under freehold land and buildings is land of £2,750,000 *(2013:* £2,750,000*)* which is not depreciated.

11 Fixed assets – Investments in subsidiary undertakings

	Total
Cost	**£'000**
At 1 April 2013 and **31 March 2014**	**260**
Provision for impairment	
At 1 April 2013 and **31 March 2014**	-
Net book value	
At 31 March 2014 and 31 March 2013	**260**

The directors believe that the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets.

The Company's principal subsidiary undertakings, all of which are wholly-owned except as stated, are:

Company	Country of Registration	Principal Activities
Babcock Communications Cyprus Limited	Cyprus	Operation & maintenance of radio broadcast facilities
VT Communications & Partners LLC (70%)	Sultanate of Oman	Operation & maintenance of radio broadcast facilities
VT Communications GmbH	Germany	Operation & maintenance of radio broadcast facilities

Babcock Communications Limited owns 70% of the shares in Babcock Merlin Communications & Partners LLC, but is entitled to 99% of the trading result of the company.

On 15 September 2010, proprietary know-how, not capitalised in the financial statements of the company in accordance with FRS 10 'Goodwill and Intangible Assets', was transferred to Babcock Integration LLP in exchange for an interest in that partnership. This was in order to facilitate the integration of the Babcock and VT groups. The partnership interest has been recognised at a cost of £nil given that the know how transferred was not recognised in the financial statements of the company prior to the transfer. A royalty is payable at the rate of 1.5% of turnover. The charge for the period is £799,000 (2013: £881,000).

12 Stocks

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Finished goods and goods for resale	**6,290**	3,716

There is no material difference between the balance sheet value of stocks and their replacement cost.

13 Debtors

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Due within one year:		
Trade debtors	**1,933**	951
Amounts recoverable on contracts	**1,279**	3,026
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**95,808**	83,529
Prepayments, other debtors and accrued income	**3,461**	1,170
Deferred tax (note 17)	**1,938**	1,778
	104,419	90,454

Amounts owed by Group undertakings are unsecured, interest bearing and repayable on demand.

14 Creditors - amounts due within one year

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Trade creditors	**1,161**	1,273
Amounts owed to group undertakings	**7,384**	8,173
Corporation tax	**3,139**	2,448
Other creditors	**872**	525
Other taxes and social security	**234**	252
Accruals and deferred income	**24,480**	23,144
	37,270	35,815

The amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

15 Creditors - amounts due after more than one year

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	**10,100**	10,100

The amount shown of £10,100,000 (2013: £10,100,000) is interest free and the parent company has indicated that repayment of this amount will not be made within 12 months from the approval of these financial statements.

16 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Dilapidation provisions £'000
At 1 April 2013	2,778
Utilised during the year	(2,177)
At 31 March 2014	**601**

Dilapidation provision

Dilapidation provision is in relation to various properties leased by the company. These provisions are expected to be utilised over the next twenty years.

17 Deferred taxation

The major components of the deferred tax asset recorded and the potential asset are as follows:

	2014 Provided £'000	2013 Provided £'000	**2014 Full potential £'000**	2013 Full potential £'000
Accelerated capital allowances	**1,328**	1,050	**1,328**	1,050
Capital tax losses	-	-	-	236
Other short term timing differences	**610**	728	**610**	728
	1,938	1,778	**1,938**	2,014

The movement on the deferred tax asset is as follows:

	£'000
At 31 March 2013 as previously reported	1,778
Current year credit	(152)
Adjustment in respect of prior years	603
Impact of change in UK tax rate	(291)
At 31 March 2014	**1,938**

18 Called-up share capital

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000

Authorised		
1,000,000 (2013: 1,000,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	**1,000**	1,000
Allotted, issued and fully paid		
1,000,000 (2013: 1,000,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	**1,000**	1,000

19 Reserves

	Share premium account £'000	**Profit and loss account £'000**	**Total £'000**
At 1 April 2013	9,204	60,507	69,711
Profit for the financial year	-	7,812	7,812
At 31 March 2014	**9,204**	**68,319**	**77,523**

20 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders funds

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Profit for the financial year	**7,812**	45,576
Net increase in shareholders' funds	**7,812**	45,576
Opening shareholders' funds	**70,711**	25,135
Closing shareholders funds	**78,523**	70,711

21 Guarantees and financial commitments

a) Contingent liabilities

At the year end the company had guaranteed or had joint and several liability for drawn Babcock International Group PLC bank facilities of £620,800,000 (2013: £658,600,000) provided to certain group companies.

In addition, the Company at the year end had joint and several liabilities for the drawn bank overdraft facilities of other group companies of £nil (2013: £Nil).

21 Guarantees and financial commitments (continued)

b) Operating lease commitments

	2014 Land and buildings £'000	**2014 Other £'000**	2013 Land and buildings £'000	2013 Other £'000
Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases expiring as:				
- within one year	**-**	**-**	-	3
- between two and five years	**567**	**19**	567	19
	567	**19**	567	22

22 Related party disclosures

The Company, as a wholly owned subsidiary, has taken advantage of the exemption, granted under Financial Reporting Standard 8, Related Party Disclosures, from disclosing details of sales and purchases with other members of the group headed up by Babcock International Group PLC.

The company's fellow subsidiary, Costpool Limited, has a 20% interest in Alert Communications Group Holdings Limited. Alert Communications Group Holdings Limited wholly owns Alert Communications Limited.

23 Pension commitments

The company is a member of a multi-employer defined benefit pension scheme. The scheme is accounted for on a defined contribution basis as the company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities. The charge for the year is described in Note 6. No amounts were unpaid at the end of the year

24 Ultimate parent undertaking

The Company's immediate parent company is Merlin Communication Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The Company's ultimate parent and controlling company and is Babcock International Group PLC, a company registered in England and Wales. The only Group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Babcock International Group PLC.

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