

BEFOREBLEND LIMITED

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors

N Benning-Prince
D J Clarke (resigned 1 December 2016)
R C Dowley
E A Gretton
Dr C M Wendt (appointed 1 December 2016)

Company secretary

W F Rogers

Registered number

03239587

Registered office

Hanson House
14 Castle Hill
Maidenhead
SL6 4JJ

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BEFOREBLEND LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Principal activity

The Company is a group investment holding company. It did not trade during the current or prior year and, therefore, the financial statements comprise the balance sheet and related notes .

Directors

The Directors who served during the year were:

N Benning-Prince
D J Clarke (resigned 1 December 2016)
R C Dowley
E A Gretton
Dr C M Wendt (appointed 1 December 2016)

Directors' indemnity

A fellow group undertaking has indemnified, by means of directors' and officers' liability insurance, one or more Directors of the Company against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in section 234 of the Companies Act. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision was in force during the year and is in force as at the date of approving the Directors' Report.

The articles of association also provide for the Directors to be indemnified by the Company subject to the provisions of the Companies Act.

This report was approved by the board on 28 April 2017 and signed on its behalf.



W F Rogers
Secretary

BEFOREBLEND LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER:03239587

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 £000	2015 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	3	200,059	200,059
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	4	3,652	3,652
Net assets		<u>203,711</u>	<u>203,711</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	5	81	81
Share premium account		203,630	203,630
Shareholders' funds		<u>203,711</u>	<u>203,711</u>

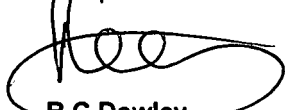
For the year ended 31 December 2016 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006.

Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 28 April 2017.


R C Dowley
Director

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

1. General information

Beforeblend Limited ("the Company") is a limited company incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is disclosed in the company information.

The Company's financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is also the Company's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds (£000).

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The Company is itself a subsidiary company and is exempt from the requirement to prepare group accounts by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006. These financial statements therefore present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

The Company is part of the HeidelbergCement AG group and is included in the consolidated financial statements of HeidelbergCement AG. The Company therefore qualifies for the reduced disclosures for subsidiaries under FRS 102 including the exemption to present a cash flow statements. The Company is also exempt under Section 33.1A of FRS 102 from disclosing related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries of the HeidelbergCement AG group.

2.2 Investments

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

3. Fixed asset investments

	Investment in associated undertaking £000
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2016	200,059
At 31 December 2016	200,059
Net book value	
At 31 December 2016	200,059
At 31 December 2015	200,059

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3. Fixed asset investments (continued)

Direct associated undertaking

The investment in which the Company directly held any class of share capital is as follows:

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
Hanson America Holdings (3) Limited	England and Wales	'A' Ordinary	42 %	Dormant

Indirect associated undertaking

The investment in which the Company indirectly held any class of share capital is as follows:

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
Hanson America Holdings (1) Limited	England and Wales	'A' Ordinary	83 %	Dormant

The registered office of the investments is Hanson House, 14 Castle Hill, Maidenhead, SL6 4JJ.

4. Debtors

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Due within one year		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	3,652	3,652

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

5. Share capital

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Shares classified as equity		
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
20,365 'A' ordinary shares of £1 each	20	20
61,102 'B' ordinary shares of £1 each	61	61
	<u>81</u>	<u>81</u>

'A' ordinary shares and 'B' ordinary shares rank pari passu in all respects except for rights in respect of dividends, voting and return on capital which are in the proportion of 10,000:1 respectively.

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6. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Hanson FP Holdings BV, a company registered in The Netherlands. The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is HeidelbergCement AG, a company registered in Germany. The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by HeidelbergCement AG. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of HeidelbergCement AG may be obtained from Berliner Strasse 6, D 69120 Heidelberg, Germany.