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**SUTTONS TRANSPORT GROUP LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY
COMPANIES**

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

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SUTTONS TRANSPORT GROUP LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

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STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

The directors present the strategic report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2014.

Review of the business

Despite continued low levels of economic growth throughout Europe and the USA, the Group continued to grow turnover, increasing it by 1.5% to £157.0m during the year. The Group's geographical diversity helped it to perform well despite the difficult economic conditions seen in the USA and Europe. Efforts to drive efficiency saw margins improve leading to operating profit growth of 31.0% to £9.5m. Despite investing over £5.6m in new equipment across the Group cash balances increased by £3.6m during the year.

The International division benefitted from further capital investment in new isotanks and a strong focus on increased utilisation and efficiency to increase its profit margins. It also continued to invest in its subsidiary, Suttons Arabia, and acquired a majority shareholding in Shanghai Hanchi Logistics (Suttons Logistics (Shanghai) Limited), giving the Group its first trucks on the ground in China.

The UK division, incorporating road tankers, warehousing and drumming operations, also saw growth from new and existing customers in a very competitive market place. During the year the Group replaced a significant number of its vehicles and road tanks; this represents a considerable investment in the future development of the Tankers division. However, the loss of a significant petroleum distribution contract at the end of the year demonstrates the continuing competitive pressures in the market.

As well as delivering a strong financial performance, post year end two significant acquisitions were made, the International division acquired a controlling interest in the Singapore based I.S. Logistics, gaining drumming, transport and warehousing capability in South Asia. At the end of August the UK tankers business acquired Imperial Tankers Limited.

Group operations expose it to a variety of financial risks which derive from market volatility, credit and foreign exchange exposure. It closely monitors these risks so as to limit any adverse impact on financial performance. It also ensures that its liquidity is maintained by use of long term or short term financial instruments as necessary to support its operational and other funding requirements.



K. Broom
Director

11 November 2014

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

The directors present their report for the year ended 30 April 2014.

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of a holding company. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are the provision of bulk logistics services, within the UK and internationally, to the chemical, petroleum, gas and food markets, including transport, warehousing, shipping and drumming.

Results and dividends

The consolidated profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 6.

The directors do not recommend payment of an ordinary dividend.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 May 2013:

R.A. Sutton

M.P. Cundy

A.J. Leighton

(Resigned 22 October 2014)

K. Broom

A.J. Palmer

(Resigned 1 May 2013)

Employee involvement

The group recognises that the engagement of all colleagues is key to the future development of a successful and profitable business and as a result the board have implemented a process to measure and improve engagement. Regular communication with colleagues throughout the business is key to developing an effective business culture. All possible means, from face to face briefings by directors, C.E.O. video briefings, to regular newsletters are employed to ensure that colleagues understand company performance, the challenges and opportunities we face and clearly communicate direction, strategy and objectives.

Disabled persons

The group maintains a policy of equal opportunities for disabled people, both in respect of recruitment and re-training of individuals where possible.

Auditors

The auditors, Jackson Stephen LLP, are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the 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 group and of the profit or loss of the group 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 group 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 the group 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 the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure to auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the group's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the group's auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the board



K. Broom

Director

11 November 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF SUTTONS TRANSPORT GROUP LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

We have audited the group and parent company financial statements (the "financial statements") of Suttons Transport Group Limited and its Subsidiary Companies for the year ended 30 April 2014 set out on pages 6 to 27. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement included within the Directors' Report, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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 Strategic Report and the Directors' 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 financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent company's affairs as at 30 April 2014 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF SUTTONS TRANSPORT GROUP LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Jackson Stephen LLP

Mr Peter Atkinson F.C.A. (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Jackson Stephen LLP

19 November 2014
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SUTTONS TRANSPORT GROUP LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Turnover	2 and 3		
Continuing operations	146,457,845	154,656,360	
Discontinued activities	10,497,183	-	
		156,955,028	154,656,360
Cost of sales	4	(124,201,630)	(124,899,713)
Gross profit		32,753,398	29,756,647
Administrative expenses	4	(23,316,909)	(22,563,895)
Other operating income	4	46,199	45,000
Operating profit	5		
Continuing operations	9,204,396	7,237,752	
Discontinued activities	278,292	-	
		9,482,688	7,237,752
Investment income	6	2,489	2,629
Other interest receivable and similar income		5,638	7,161
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(103,718)	(211,007)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		9,387,097	7,036,535
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(2,243,373)	(1,542,022)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		7,143,724	5,494,513
Minority interests		(57,566)	293,299
Profit for the financial year	22	7,086,158	5,787,812

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STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

	2014 £	2013 £
Profit for the financial year	7,086,158	5,787,812
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties	29,054	-
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	7,115,212	5,787,812
Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments	(192,788)	(370,668)
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Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	<u><u>6,922,424</u></u>	<u><u>5,417,144</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEETS

AS AT 30 APRIL 2014

	Notes	Group 2014 £	2013 £	Company 2014 £	2013 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	10	58,785	-	-	-
Tangible assets	11 & 12	16,586,009	14,678,572	-	-
Investments	13	-	-	30,100	30,100
		<u>16,644,794</u>	<u>14,678,572</u>	<u>30,100</u>	<u>30,100</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	14	474,238	394,732	-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	15	37,609,257	39,507,470	33,000	-
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	3,298,701	2,859,880	23,232	35,094
Investments	16	9,116	9,116	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		16,161,039	12,563,962	729	17,317
		<u>57,552,351</u>	<u>55,335,160</u>	<u>56,961</u>	<u>52,411</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(31,517,197)	(29,830,404)	(5,039)	(5,039)
Net current assets		<u>26,035,154</u>	<u>25,504,756</u>	<u>51,922</u>	<u>47,372</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>42,679,948</u>	<u>40,183,328</u>	<u>82,022</u>	<u>77,472</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(6,850,380)	(11,284,078)	(65,118)	(60,568)
Provisions for liabilities	19	(178,715)	(137,395)	-	-
		<u>35,650,853</u>	<u>28,761,855</u>	<u>16,904</u>	<u>16,904</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	21	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Revaluation reserve	22	29,054	-	-	-
Profit and loss account	22	35,721,603	28,828,233	15,904	15,904
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	24	<u>35,751,657</u>	<u>28,829,233</u>	<u>16,904</u>	<u>16,904</u>
Minority interests - equity interests	23	(100,804)	(67,378)	-	-
		<u>35,650,853</u>	<u>28,761,855</u>	<u>16,904</u>	<u>16,904</u>

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 11 November 2014


K. Broom
Director

Company Registration No. 03246133

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of investment properties.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a subsidiary undertaking where 90 percent or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group.

1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently.

1.3 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated profit and loss account and balance sheet include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 30 April 2014. The results of subsidiaries sold or acquired are included in the profit and loss account up to, or from the date control passes. Intra-group sales and profits are eliminated fully on consolidation.

1.4 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for services provided before the balance sheet date, net of VAT.

1.5 Goodwill

Acquired goodwill is written off in equal annual instalments over its estimated useful economic life of five years.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets include investment properties valued by the directors on an existing use open market value basis. Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	2% - 10% per annum straight line basis
Plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings	10% - 33% per annum straight line basis
Motor vehicles	20% per annum straight line basis
Tankers and containers	5.6% - 10% per annum straight line basis

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. No depreciation is provided on investment properties.

Although this accounting policy is in accordance with the applicable accounting standard, SSAP 19, Accounting for investment properties, it is a departure from the general requirement of the Companies Act 2006 for all tangible assets to be depreciated. In the opinion of the directors compliance with the standard is necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount of this which might otherwise have been charged cannot be separately identified or quantified.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014**

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

Current asset investments are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.9 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.10 Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account in the year they are payable.

1.11 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

1.12 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

The accounts of overseas subsidiary undertakings are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The exchange differences arising on the retranslation of opening net assets are taken directly to reserves. All other exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

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2 Segmental analysis by class of business

The analysis by class of business of the group's turnover, gross profit and net assets is set out as below:

Turnover

	2014 £	2013 £
Class of business		
Haulage and warehousing	65,951,085	65,253,316
Forwarding and freight	91,003,943	89,403,044
	<u>156,955,028</u>	<u>154,656,360</u>

Gross profit

	2014 £	2013 £
Class of business		
Haulage and warehousing	10,569,033	10,113,950
Forwarding and freight	22,184,365	19,642,697
	<u>32,753,398</u>	<u>29,756,647</u>

Net assets

	2014 £	2013 £
Class of business		
Haulage and warehousing	13,609,854	10,998,470
Forwarding and freight	22,040,999	17,763,385
	<u>35,650,853</u>	<u>28,761,855</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

3 Turnover

Segmental analysis by geographical area

The analysis by geographical area of the group's turnover is set out as below:

	2014 £	2013 £
Geographical segment		
United Kingdom	85,395,523	85,192,526
United States of America	13,257,291	14,347,090
Continental Europe	20,375,053	19,453,162
Far East	33,509,571	32,319,676
Rest of the World	4,417,590	3,343,906
	<u>156,955,028</u>	<u>154,656,360</u>

4 Cost of sales and net operating expenses

	2014			2013		
	Continuing £	Discontinued £	Total £	Continuing £	Discontinued £	Total £
Cost of sales	114,833,475	9,368,155	124,201,630	124,899,713	-	124,899,713
Administrative expenses	22,466,173	850,736	23,316,909	22,563,895	-	22,563,895
Other operating income	(46,199)	-	(46,199)	(45,000)	-	(45,000)
	<u>137,253,449</u>	<u>10,218,891</u>	<u>147,472,340</u>	<u>147,418,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,418,608</u>

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5	Operating profit	2014	2013
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Amortisation of intangible assets	6,532	-
	Depreciation of tangible assets	2,819,420	3,033,058
	Loss on disposal of tangible assets	29,364	-
	Loss on foreign exchange transactions	-	45,690
	Exceptional restructuring costs	-	583,000
	Operating lease rentals and hire of plant and machinery	12,451,242	10,977,089
	Fees payable to the group's auditor for the audit of the group's annual accounts	1,803	1,750
	Fees payable to the group's auditor for the audit of the subsidiary companies	40,170	39,000
	Fees payable to the group's auditor for the auditor for taxation services	-	24,275
	Fees payable to the group's auditor for other non-audit services	6,533	28,287
	and after crediting:		
	Rents receivable	(46,199)	(45,000)
	Profit on disposal of tangible assets	(872)	(67,090)
	Profit on foreign exchange transactions	(8,251)	(132,571)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 6	 Investment income	 2014	 2013
		£	£
	Income from fixed asset investments	2,489	2,629
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 7	 Interest payable	 2014	 2013
		£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	7,745	8,655
	Hire purchase interest	95,973	202,352
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		<u>103,718</u>	<u>211,007</u>

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8	Taxation	2014 £	2013 £
	Domestic current year tax		
	Current tax on income for the year	1,540,636	1,296,365
	Double taxation relief	(345,582)	(136,781)
	U.K. corporation tax	1,195,054	1,159,584
	Adjustment for prior years	483,745	-
	Payment in respect of group relief	-	380,752
		1,678,799	1,540,336
	Foreign corporation tax		
	Foreign corporation tax	523,254	298,449
	Total current tax	2,202,053	1,838,785
	Deferred tax		
	Deferred tax charge/ (credit) current year	41,320	(296,763)
		2,243,373	1,542,022
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	9,387,097	7,036,535
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 22.83% (2013 - 23.92%)	2,143,074	1,683,139
	Effects of:		
	Non deductible expenses	40,199	(266,870)
	Income not taxed	(10,051)	(86,947)
	Capital allowances less than depreciation	2,277	170,176
	Short term timing differences	-	13,631
	Higher tax rates on overseas earnings	137,159	55,931
	Adjustment for prior years	483,745	-
	Losses to carry forward	-	174,407
	Group relief	(608,070)	-
	Other tax adjustments	13,720	95,318
		58,979	155,646
	Current tax charge for the year	2,202,053	1,838,785

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9 Result for the financial year

As permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the holding company's profit and loss account has not been included in these financial statements. The result for the financial year is made up as follows:

	2014 £	2013 £
Holding company's result for the financial year	-	-

10 Intangible fixed assets Group

	Goodwill £
Cost	
At 1 May 2013	-
Additions	65,317
At 30 April 2014	65,317
Amortisation	
At 1 May 2013	-
Charge for the year	6,532
At 30 April 2014	6,532
Net book value	
At 30 April 2014	58,785
At 30 April 2013	-

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11 Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings	Vehicles, tanks and containers	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 May 2013	4,725,918	6,919,966	28,044,746	39,690,630
Transferred in on acquisition	-	153,771	-	153,771
Exchange differences	-	(199)	-	(199)
Additions	80,174	1,460,514	4,063,616	5,604,304
Disposals	-	-	(2,554,625)	(2,554,625)
At 30 April 2014	4,806,092	8,534,052	29,553,737	42,893,881
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2013	1,671,969	4,789,909	18,671,126	25,133,004
Transferred in on acquisition	-	76,113	-	76,113
Exchange differences	-	118,547	-	118,547
On disposals	-	(24,654)	(1,664,558)	(1,689,212)
Charge for the year	135,729	897,002	1,786,689	2,819,420
At 30 April 2014	1,807,698	5,856,917	18,793,257	26,457,872
Net book value				
At 30 April 2014	2,998,394	2,677,135	10,760,480	16,436,009
At 30 April 2013	3,053,949	2,130,057	9,373,620	14,557,626

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

	Plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Net book values			
At 30 April 2014	-	4,435,955	4,435,955
At 30 April 2013	-	1,853,519	1,853,519
Depreciation charge for the year			
30 April 2014	-	601,780	601,780
30 April 2013	-	313,936	313,936

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12 Tangible fixed assets			
Investment properties	Group	Company	
	£	£	
Cost or valuation			
At 1 May 2013	120,946	-	
Revaluation	29,054	-	
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At 30 April 2014	150,000	-	
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Net book value			
At 30 April 2014	150,000	-	
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At 30 April 2013	120,946	-	
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The valuation of the investment properties was carried out by Jones Lang LaSalle, chartered surveyors, in September 2013 on behalf of the directors on an existing use open market value basis. No depreciation is provided in respect of these properties.

13 Fixed asset investments		
Company	Shares in group undertakings	
	£	
Cost		
At 1 May 2013 & at 30 April 2014	30,100	
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Net book value		
At 30 April 2014	30,100	
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At 30 April 2013	30,100	
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In the opinion of the directors, the aggregate value of the company's investment in subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amount included in the balance sheet.

Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Class	Shares held
			%
Subsidiary undertakings			
Suttons International Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100
Sutton and Son (St. Helens) Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100

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13 Fixed asset investments

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The principal activity of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year was as follows:

	Principal activity
Suttons International Limited	Shipping and forwarding agents
Sutton and Son (St. Helens) Limited	Haulage and warehousing

Details of the subsidiary undertakings of Suttons International Limited can be found in that company's financial statements.

14 Stocks

	Group 2014 £	2013 £	Company 2014 £	2013 £
Raw materials and consumables	474,238	394,732	-	-

15 Debtors

	Group 2014 £	2013 £	Company 2014 £	2013 £
Trade debtors	25,442,524	26,789,357	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	12,096,427	11,691,042	23,232	35,094
Corporation tax	663,604	739,647	-	-
Other debtors	593,813	263,938	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,111,590	2,883,366	33,000	-
	40,907,958	42,367,350	56,232	35,094

Amounts falling due after more than one year and included in the debtors above are:

	2014 £	2013 £	2014 £	2013 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings	3,298,701	2,859,880	23,232	35,094

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16 Current asset investments

	Group 2014 £	2013 £	Company 2014 £	2013 £
Listed investments	9,116	9,116	-	-
Market valuation of listed investments	85,892	80,544	-	-

17 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2014 £	2013 £	Company 2014 £	2013 £
Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	990,929	389,529	-	-
Trade creditors	4,206,518	5,945,277	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	172,095	-	-	-
Amounts owed to participating interests	564,572	569,397	-	-
Corporation tax	1,977,172	1,388,295	-	-
Taxes and social security costs	2,036,177	1,703,166	-	-
Other creditors	-	700,556	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	21,569,734	19,134,184	5,039	5,039
	31,517,197	29,830,404	5,039	5,039
Debt due in one year or less	990,929	389,529	-	-

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18 Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2014 £	2013 £	Company 2014 £	2013 £
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	3,021,236	1,298,317	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	3,829,144	9,985,761	65,118	60,568
	<u>6,850,380</u>	<u>11,284,078</u>	<u>65,118</u>	<u>60,568</u>

Included within company liabilities - amounts owed to group undertakings is £45,662 (2013: £45,662) which is secured by a debenture.

Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Repayable within one year	990,929	389,529	-	-
Repayable between one and five years	3,021,236	1,298,317	-	-
	<u>4,012,165</u>	<u>1,687,846</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Included in liabilities falling due within one year	(990,929)	(389,529)	-	-
	<u>3,021,236</u>	<u>1,298,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are secured by fixed charges on the assets concerned.

19 Provisions for liabilities Group

	Deferred taxation £
Balance at 1 May 2013	137,395
Profit and loss account	41,320
Balance at 30 April 2014	<u>178,715</u>

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19 Provisions for liabilities

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The deferred tax liability is made up as follows:

	Group 2014 £	2013 £	Company 2014 £	2013 £
Accelerated capital allowances	231,578	163,444	-	-
Other timing differences	(52,863)	(26,049)	-	-
	<u>178,715</u>	<u>137,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

20 Pension and other post-retirement benefit commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund.

Defined contribution

	2014 £	2013 £
Contributions payable by the group for the year	<u>630,543</u>	<u>523,467</u>

21 Share capital

	2014 £	2013 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid 1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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22 Statement of movements on reserves Group

	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account
	£	£
Balance at 1 May 2013	-	28,828,233
Profit for the year	-	7,086,158
Foreign currency translation differences	-	(192,788)
Revaluation during the year	29,054	-
Balance at 30 April 2014	<u>29,054</u>	<u>35,721,603</u>

Company

	Profit and loss account
	£
Balance at 1 May 2013	15,904
Balance at 30 April 2014	<u>15,904</u>

23 Minority interests

	2014 £	2013 £
Minority interests' share of net assets and liabilities in subsidiary undertakings	<u>(100,804)</u>	<u>(67,378)</u>

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24 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2014	2013
Group	£	£
Profit for the financial year	7,086,158	5,787,812
Other recognised gains and losses	(163,734)	(370,668)
Net addition to shareholders' funds	6,922,424	5,417,144
Opening shareholders' funds	28,829,233	23,412,089
Closing shareholders' funds	35,751,657	28,829,233
	2014	2013
Company	£	£
Result for the financial year	-	-
Opening shareholders' funds	16,904	16,904
Closing shareholders' funds	16,904	16,904

25 Contingent liabilities

Group

The Bank holds an unlimited multilateral company guarantee between the following:

Thomas Cradley Holdings Limited, Cradley Leasing Limited, Cradley International Leasing Limited, Suttons Transport Group Limited, Sutton and Son (St. Helens) Limited, Suttons International Limited and Project Properties Limited.

As at 30 April 2014 the maximum potential liability of the group was £nil (2013: £nil).

One of the providers of hire purchase finance also holds a blanket cross guarantee between the following:

Thomas Cradley Holdings Limited, Cradley Leasing Limited, Cradley International Leasing Limited, Suttons Transport Group Limited, Sutton and Son (St. Helens) Limited, Suttons International Limited and Project Properties Limited.

At 30 April 2014 the maximum potential liability was £496,942 (2013: £nil).

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25 Contingent liabilities

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Company

The Bank holds an unlimited multilateral company guarantee between the following:

Thomas Cradley Holdings Limited, Cradley Leasing Limited, Cradley International Leasing Limited, Suttons Transport Group Limited, Sutton and Son (St. Helens) Limited, Suttons International Limited and Project Properties Limited.

At 30 April 2014 the maximum potential liability amounted to £nil (2013: £nil).

One of the providers of hire purchase finance holds a blanket cross company guarantee between the following:

Thomas Cradley Holdings Limited, Cradley Leasing Limited, Cradley International Leasing Limited, Suttons Transport Group Limited, Sutton and Son (St. Helens) Limited, Suttons International Limited and Project Properties Limited.

As at 30 April 2014 the maximum potential liability was £1,105,986 (2013: £1,392,558).

A different provider of hire purchase finance also holds a blanket cross company guarantee between the following:

Thomas Cradley Holdings Limited, Cradley Leasing Limited, Cradley International Leasing Limited, Suttons Transport Group Limited, Sutton and Son (St. Helens) Limited, Suttons International Limited and Project Properties Limited.

As at 30 April 2014 the maximum potential liability was £496,942 (2013: £nil).

In August 2014 a subsidiary company agreed additional facilities with the group's bankers. These facilities are secured on the assets of this company.

26 Financial commitments

At 30 April 2014 the group had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Other 2014 £	2013 £
Expiry date:		
Within one year	78,378	1,123,288
Between two and five years	1,980,989	1,786,590
In over five years	-	45,365
	<u>2,059,367</u>	<u>2,955,243</u>

At 30 April 2014 the company had no annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases.

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27 Capital commitments

	Group 2014 £	2013 £	Company 2014 £	2013 £
Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	2,927,436	7,381,035	-	-

28 Directors' remuneration

	2014 £	2013 £
Emoluments for qualifying services	659,616	1,902,034
Company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	57,629	185,853
	<u>717,245</u>	<u>2,087,887</u>

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined contribution schemes amounted to 4 (2013 - 5).

Remuneration disclosed above include the following amounts paid to the highest paid director:

Emoluments for qualifying services	219,725	964,080
Company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>19,040</u>	<u>106,245</u>

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29 Employees

Number of employees

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

	2014 Number	2013 Number
UK Haulage	566	562
Forwarding and freight	131	131
Warehousing	4	6
Other	74	77
	<u>775</u>	<u>776</u>

Employment costs

	2014 £	2013 £
Wages and salaries	34,462,239	34,336,724
Social security costs	3,507,460	2,943,189
Other pension costs	630,543	523,467
	<u>38,600,242</u>	<u>37,803,380</u>

30 Control

The parent company is Thomas Cradley Holdings Limited by virtue of its 100% holding of the share capital of Suttons Transport Group Limited.

Thomas Cradley Holdings Limited prepare group financial statements and copies can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

There is no ultimate controlling party.

31 Related party transactions

Company

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard Number 8 from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that consolidated financial statements are prepared by the ultimate parent company; Thomas Cradley Holdings Limited.

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32 Post Balance Sheet Events

Group

After the balance sheet date the group entered into the following transactions:

1. On 29 August 2014 the group acquired Imperial Tankers Limited, a UK haulage business, for £26.9m. This was financed via cash reserves, asset financing, invoice financing and a five year loan.
2. Also in August 2014 the group acquired I.S. Logistics, a logistics and supply chain services company, based in Singapore for 2m SGD. This was funded via cash reserves.