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Benlowe Group Holdings Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

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Group strategic report For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

Business review

An Operating Profit before amortization of goodwill and restructuring of £290,827 was achieved in the year. This is down from £360,699 for the previous year. As stated in the September 2015 results there have been trading difficulties in the Stairs activity and it is that which affected the results. The business has stopped any Stairs trading activity and closed it in May 2016. Stairs were a relatively small part of the turnover and had lately become loss making. They were manufactured at a separate and particularly expensive rented site. Doors and Windows are the core business activity and have for decades been profitable every single year. Ending the Stairs losses has significantly improved total business profits since May and that improvement continues to date with the business meeting budget and being well ahead of the previous year figures which were affected by Stairs:

Benlowe is stronger and more profitable without the small Stairs activity. Profitability in the year to September 2017 is currently expected to be higher than in 2016.

The Restructuring costs of £127,946 relate wholly to non-recurring costs for redundancy and the Stairs rented site dilapidations. The then lease was deliberately only extended with a two year break clause for the Stairs site which we exercised, the lease is ended and there are no ongoing costs. Despite this item the cash position year on year was maintained. Goodwill amortization of £260,226 always reduces final profit but this originates from prior to 2002 and is non-cash.

The business currently considers that it's order book level is quite adequate and confirms it is fully loaded with contracts through to the Summer of 2017.

Capital spending was held back in 2016 whilst Stairs was reorganised but in 2017 we have already put in a new paint line to expand capacity and take paint finish quality further up market. A number of small but commercially beneficial computer projects are also actively underway. Further profitable plant improvement projects exist and are opportunities for 2017/18.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The group's principal financial instruments comprise cash, hire purchase, and intercompany borrowings. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to finance the group's operations. The group has various other financial instruments such as trade debtors and trade creditors, which arise directly from its operations. The group does not enter into derivative transactions.

It is, and has been throughout the period under review, the group's policy that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken. The main risks arising from the group's financial instruments are liquidity risk, and credit risk. The board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below.

Liquidity risk

The group seeks to manage financial risk by ensuring sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and to invest cash assets safely and profitably. The directors prepare forecasts which are regularly reviewed to ensure sufficient liquidity is maintained. The intercompany balances will not be repaid if the group can not afford to do so.

Credit risk

The group seeks to trade with recognised creditworthy third parties. It is group policy that all significant customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit vetting procedures. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the group's exposure to bad debts is not significant, and seeks to maintain adequate provision for disputes and doubtful debts in today's difficult market conditions. The group where possible will obtain credit insurance for its debts.

Group strategic report For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

Financial key performance indicators

Key performance indicators monitored by the group include turnover by employee £73,000 (2015: £74,000) and debtor days 49 days (2015: 55 days).

Future developments

Market conditions during 2017 remain unclear with the Bank Of England admitting difficulty in accurate forecasting. The business is active in managing price increases in timber and ironmongery which are imported and affected by the fall in Sterling against the dollar and euro. Despite which profitability and cash flow are both considered adequate to date.

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

N R James Secretary

Directors' report For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2016.

Principal activity

The principal activites of the group are the manufacture and marketing of window boards, wooden window frames, doors, doorsets and associated products.

Results and dividends

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £234,005 (2015 -loss £100,932).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend on the ordinary shares (2015 - £nil)

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

M J Harris N R James

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The group maintains directors and officers liability ideminity insurance for the benefit of its directors which were made during the year and remain in force at the date of this report.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Group strategic report, the Directors' report and the consolidated 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 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 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 for the Group's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

Directors' report (continued)
For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

Disclosure of information to auditors

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

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

Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events affecting the Group since the year end.

Auditors

During the year, Dains LLP were reappointed as auditors. Dains LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

N R Jame Secretary

Independent auditors' report to the members of Benlowe Group Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Benlowe Group Holdings Limited for the year ended 30 September 2016, which comprise the consolidated profit and loss account, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated and company balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows, the consolidated and company statement of changes in equity and the related notes. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

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 on page 3, 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 Financial Reporting Council'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 Group's and the parent 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 Group 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 the parent Company's affairs as at 30 September 2016 and of the Group's profit or loss 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.

Emphasis of matter - Going concern

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not qualified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosure made in note 2.3 to the financial statements concerning the group's ability to continue as a going concern. The conditions explained in note 2.3 to the financial statements indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the group's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the group was unable to continue as a going concern.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Benlowe Group Holdings Limited (continued)

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Group strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with those financial statements.

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;
- 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.

Mark Hargate FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Dains LLP

Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants

Birmingham

28 April 2017

Consolidated profit and loss account For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
Turnover	4	7,676,958	8,622,554
Cost of sales		(5,981,107)	(6,750,176)
Gross profit		1,695,851	1,872,378
Distribution costs		(296,200)	(346,114)
Administrative expenses		(1,108,824)	(1,165,565)
Operating profit before goodwill amortisation and restructuring costs	5	290,827	360,699
Goodwill amortisation		(260,226)	(260,226)
Restructuring costs		(127,946)	(21,875)
Operating (loss)/profit	5	(97,345)	78,598
Interest payable and similar charges	9	(138,221)	(137,794)
Loss before tax		(235,566)	(59,196)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	10	1,561	(41,736)
Loss for the year		(234,005)	(100,932)
Loss for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		(234,005)	(100,932)
		(234,005)	(100,932)

The notes on pages 16 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

·	Note	2016 £	2015 £
Loss for the financial year	_	(234,005)	(100,932)
Other comprehensive income	_		
Total comprehensive income for the year		(234,005)	(100,932)
Loss for the year attributable to:	•		
Owners of the parent Company	_	(234,005)	(100,932)
		(234,005)	(100,932)
Total comprehensive income attributable to:	-		
Owners of the parent Company	_	(234,005)	(100,932)
•		(234,005)	(100,932)
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Consolidated balance sheet As at 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 £	2016 £	2015 £	2015 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	12		1,360,331		1,620,557
Tangible assets	13		831,191		974,238
			2,191,522		2,594,795
Current assets					
Stocks	15	425,200		529,482	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	16	1,545,150		1,765,927	
Cash at bank and in hand	17	984,347		930,566	
		2,954,697		3,225,975	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(2,559,204)		(2,765,503)	
Net current assets			395,493		460,472
Total assets less current liabilities			2,587,015	•	3,055,267
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19		(1,985,034)		(2,202,123)
Provisions for liabilities					
Deferred taxation	23		(82,402)		(99,560)
Net assets			519,579		753,584
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	24		185,750		185,750
Capital redemption reserve	25		127,107		127,107
ESOP reserve	25		(14,594)		(14,594)
Profit and loss account	25		221,316		455,321
			519,579	·	753,584

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

N R James Director

The notes on pages 16 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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Company balance sheet As at 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 £	2016 £	2015 £	2015 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	•	70,087		72,811
Investments	14		3,897,057		3,897,057
			3,967,144	•	3,969,868
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	16	450		392	
		450	•	392	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(1,675,269)		(1,452,238)	
Net current liabilities			(1,674,819)		(1,451,846)
Total assets less current liabilities			2,292,325		2,518,022
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19		(1,947,416)		(2,125,347)
than one year	19		(1,547,410)		(2,120,047)
Net assets			344,909		392,675
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	24		185,750		185,750
Capital redemption reserve	25		127,107		127,107
Other reserves	25		(14,594)		(14,594)
Profit and loss account	25	•	46,646		94,412
			344,909	,	392,675

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N R James Director

Consolidated statement of changes in equity For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	. Called up share capital	Capital redemption reserve	Other reserves	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2015	185,750	127,107	(14,594)	455,321	753,584
Comprehensive income for the year					
Loss for the year	-	•	-	(234,005)	(234,005)
At 30 September 2016	185,750	127,107	(14,594)	221,316	519,579

Consolidated statement of changes in equity For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

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	Called up share capital	Capital redemption reserve	Other reserves	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2014	185,750	127,107	(14,594)	556,253	854,516
Comprehensive income for the year	·				
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(100,932)	(100,932)
At 30 September 2015	185,750	127,107	(14,594)	455,321	753,584

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Company statement of changes in equity For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	Called up share capital	Capital redemption reserve		Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2015	185,750	127,107	(14,594)	94,412	392,675
Comprehensive income for the year					
Loss for the year		-	-	(47,766)	(47,766)
At 30 September 2016	185,750	127,107	(14,594)	46,646	344,909

Company statement of changes in equity For the Year Ended 30 September 2015

	Called up share capital	Capital redemption reserve	Other reserves	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2014	185,750	127,107	(14,594)	125,514	423,777
Comprehensive income for the year					
Loss for the year	-	-	-	(31,102)	(31,102)
At 30 September 2015	185,750	127,107	(14,594)	94,412	392,675
					

The notes on pages 16 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated statement of cash flows For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

	2016 £	· 2015
Cash flows from operating activities	L	~
Loss for the financial year	(234,005)	(100,932)
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	260,226	260,226
Depreciation of tangible assets	178,651	144,705
Interest paid	138,221	137,794
Taxation charge	(1,561)	41,736
Decrease in stocks	104,282	81,373
Decrease in debtors	220,777	128,400
(Decrease) in creditors	(205,269)	(227,407)
Corporation tax (paid)	(15,249)	(8,279)
Net cash generated from operating activities	446,073	457,616
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(43,622)	(122,375)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	26,499	-
HP interest paid	(14,632)	(20,476)
Net cash from investing activities	(31,755)	(142,851)
Cash flows from financing activities	-	
Repayment of bank loans	(154,500)	(140,000)
Repayment of finance leases	(83,888)	(105,108)
Interest paid	(123,589)	(117,318)
Net cash used in financing activities	(361,977)	(362,426)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	52,341	(47,661)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	187,473	235,134
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	239,814	187,473
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:	<u> </u>	
Cash at bank and in hand	984,347	930,566
Bank overdrafts	(744,533)	(743,093)
	239,814	187,473

Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

1. General information

Benlowe Group Holdings Limited is a company incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act. The Company is a private Company limited by shares. The address of the Company's registered office is shown on Company information page. The principal activities of the Company and the nature of its operations are set out in the Directors' report

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

Information on the impact of first-time adoption of FRS 102 is given in note 30.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Group management to exercise judgment in applying the Group's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements present the results of the Company and its own subsidiaries ("the Group") as if they form a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the results of business combinations using the purchase method. In the Balance sheet, the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are initially recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of acquired operations are included in the Consolidated profit and loss account from the date on which control is obtained. They are deconsolidated from the date control ceases.

In accordance with the transitional exemption available in FRS 102, the group has chosen not to retrospectively apply the standard to business combinations that occurred before the date of transition to FRS 102, being 01 October 2014.

2.3 Going concern

As described in the group strategic report, market conditions remain very tough and competitive and the directors consider that the outlook presents significant challenges in terms of sales volumes and pricing. The group preserves cash and controls the cost base, however market circumstances continue to create uncertainties over future trading results and cash flow.

The group has since the year end further renegotiated with its bankers revisions to the financial covenants and capital repayment terms associated with the bank loans, through to 31 March 2018. As a consequence of this, the loan repayment terms and banking covenants now agreed are believed by the Board to be achievable.

The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts through to 30 September 2018, incorporating the revised agreed bank loan repayment profile and making certain assumptions concerning the renewal of the bank facilities in March 2018, which demonstrates that the group continues to be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The directors have concluded that there exists a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt upon the group's and the company's ability to continue as a going concern. However, after making enquiries, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. These financial statements do not include any adjustment that might arise if the going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements was not appropriate.

2.4 Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Group has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Group retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Group will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

2.5 Intangible assets

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the difference between amounts paid on the cost of a business combination and the acquirer's interest in the fair value of the Group's share of its identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquiree at the date of acquisition. Subsequent to initial recognition, Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is amortised on a straight line basis to the Consolidated profit and loss account over its useful economic life.

Other intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses

All intangible assets are considered to have a finite useful life. If a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made, the useful life shall not exceed ten years.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property

- 2% straight line

Plant and machinery

- 5% - 20% straight line

Motor vehicles

- 25% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Consolidated profit and loss account.

2.7 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

Notes to the financial statements For the Year Ended 30 September 2016

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a weighted averagebasis. Work in progress and finished goods include labour and attributable overheads.

At each balance sheet date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

2.9 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Group only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Group would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the balance sheet date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Balance sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2.12 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.13 Employee share ownership plan

The cost of the Group's shares held by the ESOP is deducted from equity in the Group and Company balance sheets under the heading ESOP share reserve. Any cash received by the ESOP on disposal of the shares it holds is also recognised directly in equity. Other assets and liabilities of the ESOP (including borrowings) are recognised as assets and liabilities of the Group.

2.14 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to the Consolidated profit and loss account over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

2.15 Operating leases: the Group as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

The Group has taken advantage of the optional exemption available on transition to FRS 102 which allows lease incentives on leases entered into before the date of transition to the standard 01 October 2014 to continue to be charged over the period to the first market rent review rather than the term of the lease.

2.16 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Group operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Group has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Consolidated profit and loss account when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Group in independently administered funds.

2.17 Holiday pay accrual

A liability is recognised to the extent of any unused holiday pay entitlement which is accrued at the Balance sheet date and carried forward to future periods. This is measured at the undiscounted salary cost of the future holiday entitlement so accrued at the Balance sheet date.

2.18 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in the Consolidated profit and loss account in the year in which they are incurred.

2.19 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Group a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the Consolidated profit and loss account in the year that the Group becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the Balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance sheet.

2.20 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Consolidated profit and loss account, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company and the Group operate and generate income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Balance sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits;
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met; and
- Where they relate to timing differences in respect of interests in subsidiaries, associates, branches and joint ventures and the Group can control the reversal of the timing differences and such reversal is not considered probable in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

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3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the group and company's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, 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 those estimates.

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

Critical judgements in applying the companies accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are dealt with separately below), that the directors have made in the process of applying the group and company's accounting policies and that the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Depreciation and residual values

The directors have reviewed the asset lives and associated residual values of all fixed asset classes, and in particular, the useful economic life and residual values of plant and machinery, and have concluded that asset lives and residual values are appropriate.

Trade debtors

The total carrying value of trade debtors are net of impairment losses on trade debtors. A different assessment of the recoverability the balance, with reference to either the ability or willingness of the customer to pay, may result in different values being determined.

Goodwill and intangible assets

The Group establishes a reliable estimate of the useful life of goodwill and intangible assets arising on business combinations. This estimate is based on a variety of factors such as the expected use of the acquired business, the expected usual life of the cash generating units to which the goodwill is attributed, any legal, regulatory or contractual provisions that can limit useful life and assumptions that market participants would consider in respect of similar businesses.

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4.	Turnover		
		2016 £	2015 £
	Sale of doors, windows and stairs	7,676,958	8,622,554
		7,676,958	8,622,554
	All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.		
5.	Operating (loss)/profit		
	The operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging:		
		2016 £	2015 £
	Amortisation of goodwill	260,226	260,226
	Depreciation of tangible assets - owned by the group	110,653	102,649
	Depreciation of tangible assets - held under finance lease	67,998	42,055
	Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	214,000	232,000
	Operating lease rentals - plant and machinery	84,333	107,866
	Defined contribution pension cost	74,178 ————	61,965
6.	Auditors' remuneration		
		2016 £	2015 £
	Fees payable to the Group's auditor for the audit of the Group's annual financial statements	13,800	18,500

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7 .	Employees	

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	2016 £	2015 £
Wages and salaries	2,342,165	2,533,698
Social security costs	196,015	216,553
Cost of defined contribution scheme	74,178	61,965
	2,612,358	2,812,216

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

	2016 No.	2015 No.
Production Sales and administration	86 21	95 22
	107	117

8. Directors' remuneration

	2016 £	2015 £
Directors' emoluments	150,117	183,477
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	31,546	26,692
·	181,663	210,169

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 2 directors (2015 -2) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

9. Interest payable and similar charges

2016 £	2015 £
103,557	111,318
20,032	6,000
14,632	20,476
138,221	137,794
	£ 103,557 20,032 14,632

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Taxation		
	2016 £	2015 £
Corporation tax	_	_
Current tax on profits for the year	15,597	14,132
Total current tax	15,597	14,132
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences Effect of tax rate change on opening balance	(7,202) (9,956)	27,604 -
Total deferred tax	(17,158)	27,604
Taxation on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	(1,561)	41,736

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2015 -higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015 - 20%). The differences are explained below:

	2016 £	2015 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(235,565) ————	(59,196)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015 -20%) Effects of:	(47,113)	(11,839)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment Goodwill amortisation Adjust closing deferred tax to average rate of 20.00%	32,235 22,473 (9,156)	31,102 22,473
Total tax charge for the year	(1,561)	41,736

11. Parent company profit for the year

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Profit and loss account in these financial statements. The loss after tax of the parent Company for the year was £47,766 (2015 -loss £31,102).

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12. Intangible assets

Group and Company

	Goodwill £
Cost	
At 1 October 2015	5,204,522
At 30 September 2016	5,204,522
Amortisation	
At 1 October 2015	3,583,965
Charge for the year	260,226
At 30 September 2016	3,844,191
Net book value	
At 30 September 2016	1,360,331
At 30 September 2015	1,620,557

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13. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 October 2015	97,712	3,498,641	57,761	3,654,114
Additions	-	62,102	-	62,102
Disposals	-	(99,420)	-	(99,420)
At 30 September 2016	97,712	3,461,323	57,761	3,616,796
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2015	24,901	2,602,574	52,401	2,679,876
Charge for the period on owned assets	2,724	105,853	2,075	110,652
Charge for the period on financed assets	-	67,998	-	67,998
Disposals	-	(72,921)	-	(72,921)
At 30 September 2016	27,625	2,703,504	54,476	2,785,605
Net book value				
At 30 September 2016	70,087	757,819	3,285	831,191
At 30 September 2015	72,811	896,067	5,360	974,238

The net book value of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts, included above, are as follows:

	2016 £	2015 £
Plant and machinery	339,721	480,096
·	339,721	480,096

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13. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Company

	Freehold property £
Cost or valuation	_
At 1 October 2015	97,712
At 30 September 2016	97,712
Depreciation	
At 1 October 2015	24,901
Charge for the period on owned assets	2,724
At 30 September 2016	27,625
Net book value	
At 30 September 2016	70,087
At 30 September 2015	72,811

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14. Fixed asset investments

Company

·	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 October 2015	3,897,057
At 30 September 2016	3,897,057
Net book value	
At 30 September 2016	3,897,057
At 30 September 2015	3,897,057

The company has control of 100% of the ordinary shares of Benlowe Group Limited and its wholly owned dormant subsidiaries, T L Bennett (Holdings) Limited, Bennett Windows Limited and Thomas Lowe Joinery Limited, companies registered in England and Wales. The principal activity of Benlowe Group Limited is the marketing and manufacture of performance timber doorsets, windows and staircases.

The dormant subsidiaries traded up to 22 October 1999 when their trade, assets and liabilities were transferred to Benlowe Group Limited on their acquisition. These subsidiaries ceased to trade and became dormant on that date.

On 31 December 2003 the company acquired 100% of the share capital of Benlowe Trustee Limited, a new company set up to hold shares for the benefit of employees. At 30 September 2013, Benlowe Trustee Limited held 9,235 preference shares and 5,359 ordinary shares in Benlowe Group Holdings Limited.

15. Stocks

	Group 2016 £	Group 2015 £	Company 2016 £	Company 2015 £
Raw materials and consumables	181,004	303,736	-	-
Work in progress (goods to be sold)	244,196	225,746	•	-
	425,200	529,482	-	-
				

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16.	Debtors				
		Group 2016 £	Group 2015 £	Company 2016 £	Company 2015 £
	Trade debtors	1,424,157	1,585,768	-	_
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	196	196
	Other debtors	177	-	58	-
	Prepayments and accrued income	120,816	180,159	196	196
		1,545,150	1,765,927	450	392
17.	Cash and cash equivalents				
		Group 2016	Group 2015	Company 2016	Company 2015
•		£	£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	984,347	930,566	-	-
	Less: bank overdrafts	(744,533)	(743,093) ————————————————————————————————————	(744,533)	(743,093)
		239,814	187,473	(744,533)	(743,093) ————
18.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year				
		Group 2016	Group 2015	Company 2016	Company 2015
	Paul Jama	£	£	£	£
	Bank loans Bank overdrafts	172,420	135,000 743,093	172,420 744,533	135,000 743,093
	Trade creditors	744,533 1,186,370	1,229,693	744,533	743,093
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,100,370	1,229,093	757,884	570,388
	Corporation tax	29,729	29,204	-	3,326
	Other taxation and social security	180,667	244,745	-	-
	Obligations under finance lease and hire		,,,		
	purchase contracts	56,172	82,423	-	-
	Other creditors	66,537	86,285	432	431
	Accruals and deferred income	122,776	215,060	-	-
		2,559,204	2,765,503	1,675,269	1,452,238

The bank loan and overdraft are secured by a floating charge over all of the group's assets.

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	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans	1,563,580	1,745,349	1,563,580	1,745,349

Bank loans
Other creditors associated with bank loans
Net obligations under finance leases and hire
purchase contracts

Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

383,836 379,998 383,836 379,998 37,618 76,776 - - -1,985,034 2,202,123 1,947,416 2,125,347

20. Loans

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Borrowings are repayable as follows:

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Group 2016 £	Group 2015 £	Company 2016 £	Company 2015 £
Amounts falling due within one year				
Bank loans	172,420	135,000	172,420	135,000
	172,420	135,000	172,420	135,000
Amounts falling due 1-2 years				
Other creditors associated with bank loans	383,836	379,998	383,836	379,998
Bank loans	1,563,580	1,745,349	1,563,580	1,745,349
	1,947,416	2,125,347	1,947,416	2,125,347
	2,119,836	2,260,347	2,119,836	2,260,347
				

Other creditors associated with bank loans due after more than one year represent the exit fee and accrued payment in kind (PIK).

The bank loan is repayable in agreed quarterly installments with a bullet repayment on 31 March 2018.

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21. Hire purchase and finance leases

Minimum lease payments under hire purchase fall due as follows:

Group 2015 £
82,423
56,961
19,815
159,199
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Hire purchase agreements are secured on the assets to which they relate to.

22. Financial instruments

	Group 2016 £	Group 2015 £	Company 2016 £	Company 2015 £
Financial assets				
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at undiscounted amounts				
receivable	1,424,334	1,585,768	254	196
	1,424,334	1,585,768	254	196
Financial liabilities				
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(4,174,011)	(4,448,691)	(3,622,682)	(3,574,260)
	(4,174,011)	(4,448,691)	(3,622,682)	(3,574,260)

Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at undiscounted amounts comprise trade and other debtors.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise loans and overdrafts, trade and other creditors and accruals.

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23.	Deferred taxation		
	Group		
		2016 £	2015 £
	At beginning of year	(99,560)	(71,956)
	Charged to profit or loss	17,158	(27,604)
	At end of year	(82,402)	(99,560)
		Group 2016 £	Group 2015 £
	Accelerated capital allowances	(83,932)	(101,260)
	Tax losses carried forward	1,530	1,700
		(82,402)	(99,560)
24.	Share capital		
		2016 £	2015 £
	Shares classified as equity	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	27,858 Ordinary shares of £1 each	27,858	27,858
	157,892 Preference shares of £1 each	157,892	157,892
		185,750	185,750

The total number of ordinary shares in issue is 27,858 of which Benlowe Trustee Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, hold 5,359 shares, some 19.2%.

The total number of preference shares in issue 157,892 of which Benlowe Trustee Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, hold 9,235 shares, some 5.8%.

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25. Reserves

Share premium account

The share premium reserve reoresents the premium arising on the issue of the share equity, net of issue expenses.

Other reserves

The other reserves arises in connection with the Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP) trust. The reserves represents the consideration paid for the company's own shares.

Profit and loss account

The profit and loss reserve represents the cumulative profits and losses, net of paid dividends and other adjustments

26. Pension 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 and amounted to £74,178 (2015 - £61,965). At the year end the amount of contributions outstanding was £6,697 (2015 - £6,989)

27. Commitments under operating leases

At 30 September 2016 the Group and the Company had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2016 £	Group 2015 £
Land and Buildings		
Not later than 1 year	160,000	160,000
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	640,000	480,000
	800,000	640,000
	Group 2016 £	Group 2015 £
Other		
Not later than 1 year	41,666	78,821
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	19,883	56,719
	61,549	135,540

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28. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by section 33 of Financial Reporting Standard 102 not to disclose transactions with members of the group headed by Benlowe Group Holdings Limited, on the grounds that 100% of the voting rights in the company are controlled within that group and the company is included in consolidated financial statements.

29. Controlling party

There is no controlling party.

30. First time adoption of FRS 102

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on equity or profit or loss.