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GENERAL DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	4		-		144,523
Tangible assets	5		5,515		8,981
			<u>5,515</u>		<u>153,504</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		192,580		271,124	
Debtors	6	175,373		433,451	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,276		19,361	
		<u>373,229</u>		<u>723,936</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(1,730,778)</u>		<u>(1,570,730)</u>	
Net current liabilities			<u>(1,357,549)</u>		<u>(846,794)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>(1,352,034)</u>		<u>(693,290)</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		<u>(23,519)</u>		<u>(423,984)</u>
Net liabilities			<u>(1,375,553)</u>		<u>(1,117,274)</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital			1,000		1,000
Profit and loss reserves			<u>(1,376,553)</u>		<u>(1,118,274)</u>
Total equity			<u>(1,375,553)</u>		<u>(1,117,274)</u>

The directors of the company have elected not to include a copy of the income statement within the financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 20 June 2022 and are signed on its behalf by:

A Brotherton-Ratcliffe
Director

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GENERAL DISTRIBUTION LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Company information

General Distribution Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Paxton House, Home Farm Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 9HU.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The impact of Covid-19 on the economy in 2020 and 2021 has raised uncertainties for all companies and this company is no different. Strategies have been put in place by the directors which have put the company in a stronger position than before and the directors are continuing to focus on the resilience of the company.

At the balance sheet date, the company's liabilities exceeded its assets. The company is dependent upon the continued financial support of its holding company whose directors have confirmed that they will continue to give financial support to the company for at least twelve months from the date of signing these financial statements. The directors therefore consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

1.4 Research and development expenditure

Research expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred. Identifiable development expenditure is capitalised to the extent that the technical, commercial and financial feasibility can be demonstrated.

1.5 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets relate to development expenditure.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Development Costs	33% straight line
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1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	20% straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	33% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

1.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

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1.11 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in profit or loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

1.12 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

1.13 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.14 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.15 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.16 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 102 from disclosing transactions with other wholly owned subsidiaries of Paxton Access Group Limited.

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2 Auditor's remuneration

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the company's auditor and associates:		
For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the company	2,150	2,000
	<u>2,150</u>	<u>2,000</u>

3 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Total	7	10
	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>

4 Intangible fixed assets

	Development costs £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	366,505
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	221,982
Amortisation charged for the year	144,523
At 31 December 2021	366,505
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	-
At 31 December 2020	144,523

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5 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	15,015	1,155	16,170
Additions	2,694	-	2,694
	<u>17,709</u>	<u>1,155</u>	<u>18,864</u>
At 31 December 2021			
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2021	6,034	1,155	7,189
Depreciation charged in the year	6,160	-	6,160
	<u>12,194</u>	<u>1,155</u>	<u>13,349</u>
At 31 December 2021			
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2021	5,515	-	5,515
	<u>8,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,981</u>
At 31 December 2020			

6 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	150,700	109,255
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	234,805
Other debtors	7,409	72,127
	<u>158,109</u>	<u>416,187</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Deferred tax asset	17,264	17,264
	<u>175,373</u>	<u>433,451</u>
Total debtors		

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7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	403,816	399,453
Trade creditors	10,781	41,038
Amounts owed to group undertakings	536,085	250,000
Taxation and social security	19,387	30,734
Other creditors	760,709	849,505
	<u>1,730,778</u>	<u>1,570,730</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	23,519	423,984
	<u>23,519</u>	<u>423,984</u>

The bank loan is secured by way of a debenture in favour of HSBC Bank comprising a fixed and floating charge over all the assets and undertakings of the company.

9 Retirement benefit schemes

	2021 £	2020 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	33,957	34,500
	<u>33,957</u>	<u>34,500</u>

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

At the balance sheet date the company had a pension liability of £2,827 (2020 - £nil).

10 Audit report information

As the income statement has been omitted from the filing copy of the financial statements, the following information in relation to the audit report on the statutory financial statements is provided in accordance with s444(5B) of the Companies Act 2006:

The auditor's report was unqualified.
The senior statutory auditor was Mr Michael Macefield.
The auditor was Humphrey & Co Audit Services Ltd.

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11 Related party transactions

The following amounts were outstanding at the reporting end date:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts due to related parties		
Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the company	536,085	250,000
Other related parties	750,000	750,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Other information

Related party loans are interest free and have no set repayment date and are therefore considered repayable on demand.

12 Parent company

The immediate and ultimate parent company is Paxton Access Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales whose registered office is Paxton House, Home Farm Road, Brighton, BN1 9HU.

The ultimate controlling party is A Brotherton-Ratcliffe, a director of the company.

Paxton Access Group Limited is the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the group financial statements can be obtained from Companies House.

13 Non-audit services provided by auditor

In common with many businesses of our size and nature we use our auditor to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

This document was delivered using electronic communications and authenticated in accordance with the registrar's rules relating to electronic form, authentication and manner of delivery under section 1072 of the Companies Act 2006.