## STRATEGIC REPORT, REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

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# COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

DIRECTOR: P Backshall

SECRETARY: B Isaacs

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 4th Floor

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**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 07041988 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS: Prentis & Co LLP

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors

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STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

The director presents his strategic report for the year ended 31 October 2013.

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

The director notes that the profit and loss account, as set out on page 5, shows turnover for the year of £12,661,427 (2012:£10,216,049) and a net profit, before tax, for the financial year of £663,488 (2012:£411,623).

Turnover has increased by 24% and the director believes that turnover growth will continue in the next financial year.

The director considers the profit achieved on ordinary activities before taxation and also considers the state of affairs of the company to be satisfactory, in particular the margin on non-honey products.

During the year the company commenced a project to expand its warehouse facilities. Adequate finance has been obtained for this.

There have been no events since the balance sheet date which materially affect the position of the company.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The company has kept to its policy of meeting customers' requirements with quality products in order to manage the risk of losing customers to its competitors. This is achieved by the provision of meeting customers' expected response times with the supply of products, the handling of customer queries and by maintaining strong relationships with key accounts.

#### Financial risk management

The company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include the effects of changes in prices, currency risks, and liquidity risk. The company has in place risk management procedures to seek to limit the adverse effects on the financial performance from these risks.

#### Price risk

The company has managed this risk by seeking and maintaining markets for the purchase of raw stocks and has succeeded in its task.

#### Currency risk

The company purchases the majority of its raw stocks and goods for resale in US Dollars and Euros. As such the potential currency risk is met by maintaining bank accounts in these currencies and allowing customers to pay in these currencies.

#### Liquidity risk

The company monitors cash flow as part of its day to day control procedures. The Board considers the overall cash position on a monthly basis and ensures that the appropriate funds in the correct currency are available and drawn upon as necessary.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The company will continue to expand its warehouse capacity over the next year, which should enable the company to meet expansions in demand.

APPROVED BY THE SOLE DIRECTOR:

P Backshall - Director

Date: 18 June 2014

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

The director presents his report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 October 2013.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

No interim dividend was paid during the year. The director recommends a final dividend of £625 per share.

The total distribution of dividends for the year ended 31 October 2013 will be £50,000.

#### **DIRECTOR**

P Backshall held office during the whole of the period from 1 November 2012 to the date of this report.

#### DISCLOSURE IN THE STRATEGIC REPORT

The company has chosen in accordance with s.414C(11) Companies Act 2006 to set out in the company's strategic report information required by Schedule 7 of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 to be contained in the directors' report. It has done so in respect of future developments.

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The director is responsible for preparing the Report of the Director and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has 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 director must not approve the financial statements unless he is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The director is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Prentis & Co LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

APPROVED BY THE SOLE DIRECTOR:

P Backshall - Director

Date: 18 June 2014

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF SARANT LTD

We have audited the financial statements of Sarant Ltd for the year ended 31 October 2013 on pages five to fifteen. 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 a Report of the Auditors 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 director and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities set out on page three, the director is 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 director; 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 Report of the Director 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 company's affairs as at 31 October 2013 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Director for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the 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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of director's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Ian Shipley FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Prentis & Co LLP

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors

115c Milton Road

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Date: 18 June 2014

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

		201		2012	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER	2 ·		12,661,427		10,216,049
Cost of sales		•	9,712,352		7,985,748
GROSS PROFIT			2,949,075		2,230,301
Distribution and factory costs		575,078 1,601,498		454,223 1,263,200	
Administrative expenses			2,176,576		1,717,423
OPERATING PROFIT	4		772,499		512,878
Interest receivable and similar income			4	_	283
			772,503		513,161
Interest payable and similar charges	6		109,015	_	101,538
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	S		663,488		411,623
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7		186,649		90,598
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	R		476,839		321,025
Retained profit brought forward			754,910		433,885
			1,231,749		754,910
Dividends	8		(50,000)		
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		·	1,181,749	:	754,910

## **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year.

## TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current year or previous year.

# BALANCE SHEET 31 OCTOBER 2013

		2013	3	2012	2
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		866,599		673,445
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	2,520,073		1,420,292	
Debtors	11	2,105,670		1,923,088	
Cash at bank		275,581		235,067	
		4,901,324		3,578,447	
CREDITORS				2 000 020	
Amounts falling due within one year	12	3,968,382		2,898,020	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			932,942		680,427
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,799,541		1,353,872
CREDITORS  Amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(594,890)		(577,782)
year	13		(374,070)		(377,702)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	17		(22,822)		(21,179)
NET ASSETS			1,181,829		754,911
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	18		80		1
Profit and loss account	10		1,181,749		754,910
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	21		1,181,829		754,911

The financial statements were approved by the director on ...18. \( \) 2014...... and were signed by:

P Backshall - Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

		2013		2012	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1		408,260		404,104
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2		(109,011)		(101,255)
Taxation			(85,947)		(96,736)
Capital expenditure	2		(225,631)		(106,457)
Equity dividends paid			(50,000)		
			(62,329)		99,656
Financing	2		102,843		(16,469)
Increase in cash in the period			40,514		83,187
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	3	*			
Increase in cash in the period Cash (inflow)/outflow from (increase)/decrease in debt and lease financing		40,514 (102,764)		83,187 16,469	
maneing		(102,704)			
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows New finance leases			(62,250) (72,000)		99,656 (59,925)
Movement in net funds in the period Net funds at 1 November			(134,250) 179,259		39,731 139,528
Net funds at 31 October			45,009		179,259

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

# 1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2013	2012
	£	£
Operating profit	772,499	512,878
Depreciation charges	106,810	72,513
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(2,333)	-
Increase in stocks	(1,099,781)	(85,881)
Increase in debtors	(182,582)	(187,350)
Increase in creditors	813,647	91,944
Net cash inflow from operating activities	408,260	404,104

## 2. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2013 £	2012 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid	4 (109,015)	283 (101,538)
Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	(109,011)	(101,255)
Capital expenditure Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets	(228,631) 3,000	(106,457) -
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure	(225,631)	(106,457)
Financing New loans in year Capital repayments in year Share issue	140,000 (37,236) 79	(16,469)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing	102,843	(16,469)

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

### 3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

			Other	
	At		non-cash	At
	1.11.12	Cash flow	changes	31.10.13
	£	£	£	£
Net cash:				
Cash at bank	235,067	40,514		275,581
	235,067	40,514		275,581
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Debt:	(55,000)	27.226	(50,000)	(00.570)
Finance leases	(55,808)	37,236	(72,000)	(90,572)
Debts falling due after one year	-	(140,000)	_	(140,000)
after one year		(140,000)		<del></del>
	(55,808)	(102,764)	(72,000)	(230,572)
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Total	179,259	(62,250)	(72,000)	45,009
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced sale of goods net of sale rebates, discounts and VAT. Revenue is recognised when the outcome of a transaction can be measured reliably and when it is probable the economic benefit of the transaction will be received by the company following the transfer of ownership. Specifically this usually happens at the time the goods are delivered to the customers and title passes.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Leasehold land & buildings - 2% on cost
Plant and machinery - 20% on cost

Office equipment - 25% on cost and 10% on cost

Motor vehicles - 25% on cost

#### Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads and is calculated on a first in first out basis.

#### Deferred tax

The charge for taxation takes into account taxation deferred as a result of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. In general, deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. However, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Deferred taxation is measured on a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

### Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over their useful lives. Assets acquired under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. 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.

#### Pension contributions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund. There was no payment outstanding or commitment at the year end. The total contributions were £40,565 (2012: £35,797).

### Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged against profit as incurred.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Factored debts

The company has a factor agreement. Its book debts can be factored out at 90% of their gross worth including VAT. All trade debtors approved by the factors are factored. Amounts owed to the factor company are disclosed separately under creditors. No significant risk has been passed on.

#### 2. TURNOVER

Turnover attributable to geographical markets outside the UK amounted to 6.84% (2012: 6.69%) in the year.

## 3. STAFF COSTS

	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	2013 £ 1,020,940 98,516 40,565 1,160,021	2012 £ 851,716 84,285 35,797 971,798
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	2013	2012
	Management Factory and administration	2 39 41	2 32 34
4.	OPERATING PROFIT		<del></del>
	This is stated after charging:	2013 £	2012 £
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the company - held under finance leases Auditors remuneration	85,820 20,990	54,326 18,187
	- audit Operating lease rentals - other	3,775 32,000	3,825
	Directors emoluments Directors pension	130,339 25,000	89,867 25,000
5.	EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		
	Commission received	2013 £ 100,000	2012 £ 160,333

Exceptional items represent commission paid for the collection of debts and is included within administration expenses.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

6.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	2013	2012
	Loan interest Factor charges and interest Hire purchase interest	£ 45,365 61,480 2,170	£ 48,783 49,597 3,158
		109,015	101,538
7.	TAXATION		
	Analysis of the tax charge  The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:	2013 £	2012 £
	Current tax: UK corporation tax	185,006	85,947
	Deferred tax	1,643	4,651
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	186,649	90,598
	Factors affecting the tax charge The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax explained below:	x in the UK. Th	ne difference is
		2013	2012
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax	£ 663,488	£ 411,623
	Profit on ordinary activities		<del>,</del>
,	multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 22.696% (2012 - 21.506%)	150,585	88,524
	Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Income not taxable for tax purposes	33,318 531	738
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	-	(3,315)
	Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	572	<del></del>
	Current tax charge	185,006	85,947 ———
8.	DIVIDENDS	2013	2012
	Ordinary shares of £1 and	£	£
	Ordinary shares of £1 each Final	50,000	-

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

9.	TANGIBL	E FIXED	ASSETS
2.	TUILDING		AUGULU

Leasehold land & buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
463,500	304,391	37,583	42,715	848,189
141,680	156,324	2,627	-	300,631
· -	· •		(8,000)	(8,000)
605,180	460,715	40,210	34,715	1,140,820
27,810	98,003	17,424	31,507	174,744
11,159	78,390	7,249	10,012	106,810
· •	<u>-</u>		(7,333)	(7,333)
38,969	176,393	24,673	34,186	274,221
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566,211	284,322	15,537	529	866,599
435,690	206,388	20,159	11,208	673,445
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Included in the above net book values are assets held under finance lease or hire purchase contracts as follows:

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#### 10. STOCKS

Stocks	2,520,073	1,420,292
	£	£
	2013	2012

### 11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	I.	L
Trade debtors	1,992,057	1,842,539
Other debtors	46,750	48,417
Prepayments and accrued income	66,863	32,132
	2,105,670	1,923,088

## 12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2013	2012
	£	£
Finance leases (see note 15)	43,308	21,527
Trade creditors	1,348,359	1,044,811
Factor obligations	643,183	588,627
Tax	169,369	70,310
Social security and other taxes	28,436	26,283
Other creditors	574,853	596,883
Accruals and deferred income	1,160,874	549,579
	3,968,382	2,898,020
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

## 13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2013	2012
•	£	£
Bank loans (see note 14)	140,000	-
Finance leases (see note 15)	47,264	34,281
Other creditors	407,626	543,501
	594,890	577,782
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#### **OTHER CREDITORS**

Included in other creditors at the year end was a loan from a private lender which amounted to £543,501 (2012: £668,501) and this is payable in annual instalments, plus interest as follows:

	2013	2012
	£	£
Within one year and on demand	135,875	125,000
Between one and two years	135,875	135,875
Between two and five years	271,751	407,626
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#### 14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2013	2012
	£	£
Amounts falling due between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	140,000	-

#### 15. OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASING AGREEMENTS

The maturity of these amounts is as follows:

Amounts payable:	2013 £	2012 £
Within one year Between one and five years	43,308 47,264	21,527 34,281
·	90,572	55,808

#### 16. SECURED DEBTS

The total amount included in creditors for which security has been given is £1,474,137.

The total amount of goods under reservation included in creditors is £1,373,585.

A mortgage and debenture are held by the company's bankers and factors over the company's assets.

#### 17. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	2013	2012
	£	£
Deferred tax	22,822	21,179

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

#### 17. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

Charge to pr	November 2012 rofit and loss account during year 1 October 2013			Deferred tax £ 21,179 1,643
CALLED U	P SHARE CAPITAL			
Allotted, issu	ued and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2013 £	2012 £
80	Ordinary	£1	80	1

79 Ordinary shares of £1 each were allotted and fully paid for cash at par during the year.

### 19. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

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The company has annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2013	2012
	Land &	Land &
	Buildings	Buildings
Expiry date:	£	£
Between two and five years	33,750	33,750

#### 20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the period the company transacted with Mind Pro Limited , to supply computer services worth £43,200 (2012: £43,200).

The services were provided at full market value and no amount was outstanding at the year end.

### 21. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2013	2012
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	476,839	321,025
Dividends	(50,000)	-
New share capital subscribed	79	
Net addition to shareholders' funds	426,918	321,025
Opening shareholders' funds	754,911	433,886
Closing shareholders' funds	1,181,829	754,911