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REECE GROUP LIMITED

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021



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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Introduction

Reece Group Limited is a privately-owned business and the holding company for a number of innovative engineering businesses, based in the North East, primarily operating in the defence markets.

The Group's strategy is the ownership of and developing a range of innovative engineering companies that operate globally, based firmly in engineering and operating from a world class manufacturing facility. In delivering this strategy, and growing the businesses, the group aims to achieve its vision of creating employment and wealth in the region in which it operates.

The group operates from Armstrong Works, a 32,000 sq. m manufacturing facility on the banks of the River Tyne and the company's home since 2014. The facility provides a world class, state of the art manufacturing facility, offering the opportunity for the group's portfolio of innovative and award winning engineering companies to work together and collaborate but also gives the group and its companies the capacity and scope for significant future growth in a climate conducive to innovation and creativity.

Fair review of the business

The groups key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	Unit	2021	2020
Turnover	£	57,217	62,903
Gross profit	£	26,741	31,305
EBITDA pre exceptional costs	£	9,732	14,535
Exceptional costs	£	•	(510)
EBITDA	£	9,732	14,025
Net assets	£	142,555	132,148
Number of employees	#	364	389

The group's financial position remains strong with £142m of net assets including £62m of cash.

Pearson Engineering had a successful year, with turnover of £40.3m (2020: £46.7m) and profits of £9.8m (2020: £15.7m), driven by repeat orders and long-term projects reaching the series production phase. The company is engaged in contracts and opportunities globally and interest in its products remain very strong. The forward outlook is positive both for contracts under execution and further orders expected in 2022.

Responsive Engineering had a positive start to 2021, successfully commencing a new 3 year project with a global defence OEM, however wider delays on the program resulted in a pause to production with full production recommencing in 2022. Despite this creating challenges to the utilisation of resource, the project was one of a number of factors that contributed to the company's improved results for 2021. The business incurred a loss of £1.8m (2020: £3.5m) on a turnover of £14.0m (2020: £12.7m).

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

The Group remains strongly committed to supporting Responsive in its strategy development and is confident in its ability to return to profitability, particularly as the Defence market outlook is very strong and the business continues to focus on further cost saving programs, including strategic capital investments in new process technologies.

Velocity remained profitable in 2021 despite continuing to be impacted by Covid-19 with a reduction in margin due to cost pressures across all areas of the business. Future prospects are good, not least because of the successful launch of a new service offering within the road repair business unit. However, cost pressures continue in 2022. The business achieved a profit of £0.2m (2020: £0.1m) on a turnover of £12.6m (2020: £9.8m).

The medium and long term future outlook for the Group remains strong with good growth prospects.

Research and development

The group remains committed to engineering research and development with the objective of developing the best products in the market place and creating a market for those products. To this end, the group continues to invest in research and development. The R&D programme is active and growing and includes traditional business areas as well as emerging technologies. The total internal R&D expenditure charged in the consolidated profit and loss accounts during the year was in excess of £2m (2020: £1.6m).

S172 Statement

The Board consider, both individually and collectively, that they have acted in a way that they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company and Group for the benefit of its members as a whole (having regard to the stakeholders and matters set out in s.172 (a-f) of the Companies Act 2006) in the decisions taken during the year ended 31st December 2021.

Material decisions taken in the year include approval of the subsidiary budgets and strategies, including but not limited to the approval of Pearson's R&D programmes and the continued turnaround strategy for Responsive. In addition, the Board approved capital expenditure investment for both Responsive Engineering and Velocity.

Collaboration with group companies has also been a priority, particularly for Pearson Engineering and Responsive Engineering who have focussed on continuing to develop relationships and combining to jointly bid for major defence manufacturing projects. This work has now started to achieve important contract wins and will help to secure employment and retention of key skills across the companies and throughout our supply chains, whilst simultaneously leveraging the inherent capability of the Armstrong Works facility.

Our growth strategy is designed to have a long term beneficial impact on all of our stakeholders: it is customer focused and also provides security and development opportunities for our employees, effective management of our supply chain and enables us to deliver shareholder value whilst contributing and supporting our North East industry and communities.

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Engagement with employees

Our employees are our greatest asset and our success relies on the application of their knowledge and skills. We aim to be a responsible employer in our approach to pay and benefits, and the health, safety and well-being of our employees is always a primary consideration.

We communicate with employees through a variety of channels including meetings, emails and our regular group newsletter The Works.

The company is committed to the development of employee consultation and thereby to the greater involvement of employees in the company's operations and future strategy. Consultation is achieved on both a formal and an informal basis through work committees, briefing sessions and discussions with groups of employees.

Employment of disabled persons

It is the group's policy to work towards true equality of opportunity for employees and applicants for employment regardless of race, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation or marital status. Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully and fairly considered, having regard to the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the group continues and the appropriate training is arranged.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and other relationships

Meeting the needs of customers now and developing our offering so that we can continue to meet their needs into the future, requires a closeness to, and engagement with, customers. Customer requirements are always taken into consideration during new product development, with customer needs driving the design and development of products.

We expect our suppliers to operate ethically, taking due consideration for the safety and well-being of their workers while minimising their environmental impacts. By working closely with and setting high standards for our suppliers, we reduce operating and reputational risk and promote the long-term success of the group.

STEM and charitable activities

The group is a strong supporter of STEM initiatives promoting engineering as a career. The Board of Directors is also proud to support the wider projects of Reece Foundation, a charitable Trust created in 2007 which aims to support the improvement of education in relation to STEM, as well as the promotion of engineering and manufacturing. Reece Group donated £565,000 to the Reece Foundation during the year.

Furthermore, following relocation to the Armstrong Works facility on Scotswood Road, the group has actively supported the regeneration of the West End of Newcastle, and has funded a number of local charity projects; with a total of £1m having been donated to good causes.

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the group and how they might affect its performance, position or future prospects are set out below:

COVID

The safety of our staff is our key priority. We continue to maintain and develop our Covid safe working practices. To date, the business has been largely unaffected by Covid from an output perspective, other than some delays from our supply chain, in the early stages of the pandemic. The company continues to closely monitor the situation and put in place contingency plans to safeguard our staff and the business. The company is in good health and therefore, in the Board's view, is well positioned to withstand any further disruption caused by Covid.

Credit risk

The majority of group debtors relate to amounts owed as set out in agreed legal contracts, and many of the customers are government-related bodies. Historically, the group has not considered there to be a significant credit risk - however, this is evaluated on a contract by contract basis and credit insurance is taken if considered necessary.

Foreign currency risk

The group has significant trade in foreign currencies with its customers. To protect the business against movements in exchange rates between the date of order acceptance and payment of the debt the group takes out forward exchange contracts. In order to be able to provide forward exchange rate contracts, the banks may seek to mitigate their default risk by requesting cash deposits as security. To manage this situation, group companies ring fences an appropriate proportion of its cash reserves for this purpose.

Liquidity risk

The group aims to mitigate liquidity risk by managing cash generated by its operations in the most effective manner. It is group policy to invoice amounts due on contracts as soon as possible; all amounts owed by customers are collected promptly, and all major capital expenditure must be approved by the directors.

Working capital

The group will seek to establish terms which minimise working capital requirements. However, it is inevitable that under some contracts the group will be required to provide finance for the initial stock and debtors before payments from the customer commence.

Bank risk

The group continuously monitors the position of all UK banks where it holds funds. The group reduces potential exposure by spreading funds across a number of banks where credit rating and other available financial information indicates risk is low.

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Interest rate risk

All cash is invested in interest bearing bank accounts at either a variable or fixed rate. Therefore, whilst financial assets, liabilities, interest charges and interest income and cash flows can be affected by movements in interest rates, these are managed by continually reviewing where cash is held and moving funds as appropriate.

Inflation/Supply Chain

The company carefully monitors inflationary pressures, the impact on purchase prices and the availability of parts/raw materials. Where we see potential risk, we look to mitigate as far as possible by widening our supply chain base and buying ahead of programme requirements. We also seek to limit the commercial risk to selling prices, caused by market volatility.

Risks arising from "Brexit"

To date, the group has not been adversely affected by changes in the global trading environment, as a result of Brexit. As a business with significant exports, we are closely monitoring the development of international free trade agreements (FTAs), as these are established to replace former EU based agreements.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 20 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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C J Gill Director

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The directors present their report and the for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Directors of the group

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

A D Reece

R D Lamb

C Priday

A J Wilkinson

C J Gill (appointed 1 January 2021)

J P Reece

G MacDonald (appointed 1 January 2021 and resigned 6 December 2021)

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The group finances its activities using its cash and short term deposits. Other financial assets and liabilities, such as trade debtors and trade creditors, arise directly from the groups operating activities. The group also enters into derivative transactions, principally forward currency contracts. The purpose is to manage currency risks arising from the groups operations and its sources of finance.

Price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk

See disclosures in the Strategic Report in respect of the financial risk management of the group.

Research and development

See disclosures within the Strategic Report regarding research and development of the group.

Environmental report

We have considered the recommendations of the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) when preparing this report. These recommendations encourage businesses to increase disclosure of climate-related information, with an emphasis on financial disclosure. Reece Group Limited supports these recommendations and are committed to disclosing the relevant information which can be found below.

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

The UK Government's Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) policy was implemented on 1 April 2019. Within the group there is one large subsidiary company which the disclosure requirements apply. The other subsidiaries within the group are not required to report their own energy and carbon information due to their individual company size. Reece Group Limited itself does not consume in excess of 44,000Kwh of energy. The group will look to voluntary adopt further disclosure in future reporting and are committed to behaving responsibly and at high standard.

The table below represents Pearson Engineering Limited's energy use and associated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from electricity and fuel in the UK for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Scope 1 consumption and emissions relate to direct combustion of natural gas, and fuels utilised for transportation operations, such as company vehicle fleets.

Scope 2 consumption and emissions relate to indirect emissions relating to the consumption of purchased electricity in day-to-day business operations.

Scope 3 consumption and emissions relate to emissions resulting from sources not directly owned by the reporting company. For Pearson Engineering Limited, this is related to grey fleet (business travel undertaken in employee-owned vehicles) only.

Totals

The total consumption (kWh) figures for energy supplies reportable by Pearson Engineering are as follows:

Utility and Scope	2021 UK Consumption (kWh)	2020 UK Consumption (kWh)
Grid-Supplied Electricity (Scope 2)	568,402	1,179,258
Gaseous and other fuels (scope 1)	548,652	387,525
Transportation (Scope 1 and 3)	43,646	31,206
Transportation (Scope 2)	. 4,767	•
Total	1,165,467	1,597,989

The total emission (tCO2e) figures for energy supplies reportable by Pearson Engineering Limited are as follows:

Utility and Scope	2021 UK Consumption (tCO2e)	2020 UK Consumption (tCO2e)
Grid-Supplied Electricity (Scope 2)	120.69	274.93
-Gaseous-and-other-fuels-(scope-1)	100.51	71.25
Transportation (Scope 1 and 3)	11.35	7.41
Total	232.55	353.59

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Intensity ratio

An intensity metric of kgCO2e per sq ft gross internal area has been applied for the annual total consumption emissions of Pearson Engineering Limited;

Intensity Metric	2021 UK intensity Metric	2020 UK intensity Metric
kgCO2se per sq. ft gross internal area	2.65	4.03

Energy Efficiency Improvements

Pearson Engineering are committed to year-on-year improvements in their operational energy efficiency. As such, a register of energy efficiency measures available to Pearson Engineering has been compiled, with a view to implementing these measures in the next 5 years.

Measures ongoing and undertaken through 2021:

None due to COVID-19.

Measures prioritised for implementation in 2021:

Ongoing compliance with Energy Reporting legislation

Pearson Engineering is mandated to comply with the Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) and as such produces a summary of all available energy efficiency improvements on a four-year cycle.

This will be completed again in line with the 2023 Phase 3 compliance deadline. Recommendations found within the Phase 2 reporting are being reviewed and will be acted on where practical.

Upon the normalisation of operation within the Pearson Engineering portfolio following the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of ongoing training in energy conservation and sustainability awareness is being considered for all staff across the business.

Energy and Environment Strategy

Pearson Engineering are working towards implementing an Energy and Environment strategy that ensures ongoing energy and carbon reductions over the coming years in line with the UK's 2035 net zero targets.

Going concern

The group meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash generated from operations and return on investments.

The group's forecasts and projections for the next twelve months show that the group should be able to continue in operational existence for that period, taking into account possible changes in trading performance.

Having considered the current cash forecasts of the group the directors have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. The group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information. The directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditors

Azets Audit Services Limited, trading as Azets Audit Services, were appointed auditor to the company following their acquisition of the trade of Tait Walker LLP, trading as MHA Tait Walker, on 1 May 2022.

The auditors Azets Audit Services are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Future developments

See disclosures within the Strategic Report regarding future developments of the group.

Approved and authorised by the Board on 20 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

C J Gill Director

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Annual 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 group and parent company 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 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and parent company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the parent company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent company 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 group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Reece Group Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Reece Group Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise the Consolidated Income Statement, Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Position, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Changes in Equity, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 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.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group and parent company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Reece Group Limited (continued)

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- 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; and
- the Strategic Report and Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and parent company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities [set out on page 11], the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

 enquiries of management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Reece Group Limited (continued)

- · reviewing board minutes;
- challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates:
- review financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Because of the field in which the client operates, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have a material impact on the financial statements: Health and Safety; employment law (including the Working Time Directive); and compliance with the UK Companies Act.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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 auditor's 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.

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Consolidated Income Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Turnover	. 3	57,217	62,903
Cost of sales	_	(30,476)	(31,598)
Gross profit		26,741	31,305
Distribution costs		(2,022)	(1,347)
Administrative expenses		(18,185)	(18,976)
Exceptional expenses	5	-	(510)
Other operating income	4 _	972	1,151
Operating profit Change in fair value of current asset investments Change in fair value of investment properties	5	7,506 3,398 -	11,623 2,923 (1,949)
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar expenses	6 7 _	529 (13)	682 (77)
Profit before tax		11,420	13, 202
Taxation	11 _	(773)	(45)
Profit for the financial year		10,647	13,157
Profit/(loss) attributable to: Owners of the company	_	10,647	13,157

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Profit for the year Unrealised gain/loss on cash flow hedges	(223)	13,157 (214)
Foreign currency translation gains/losses	(239)	<u>26</u> (188)
Total comprehensive income for the year Total comprehensive income attributable to:	10,408	12,969
Owners of the company	10,408	12,969

(Registration number: 07630662) Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	12	147	170
Tangible assets	13	14,336	14,957
Investment property	14	6,315	6,315
		20,798	21,442
Current assets			
Stocks	17	8,035	8,450
Debtors	18	16,651	12,738
Investments	19	43,796	37,329
Other financial assets	16	43	315
Cash at bank and in hand		62,489	62,080
		131,014	120,912
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	20	(7,316)	(8,760)
Net current assets		123,698	112,152
Total assets less current liabilities		144,496	133,594
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	20	(138)	(176)
Provisions for liabilities	22	(1,803)	(1,271)
Net assets		142,555	132,147
Capital and reserves			
Other reserves	25	32	255
Profit and loss account	25	142,523	131,892
Equity attributable to owners of the company		142,555	132,147
Total equity		142,555	132,147

Approved and authorised by the Board on 20 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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R D Lamb
Director

(Registration number: 07630662) Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	127	156
Investments	15 _	10,252	10,252
	_	10,379	10,408
Current assets			•
Debtors	18	92,679	75, 761
Cash at bank and in hand	_	10,844	5,892
		103,523	81,653
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	20 _	(1,178)	(392)
Net current assets	_	102,345	81,261
Net assets	_	112,724	91,669
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account	_	112,724	91,669
Total equity	=	112,724	91,669

The company made a profit after tax for the financial year of £21,054,988 (2020 - profit of £31,088,570).

Approved and authorised by the Board on 20 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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R D Lamb
Director

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 Equity attributable to the parent company

At 1 January 2020 Profit for the year Other comprehensive inc	ome	Share capital £ 000 - -	Fair value reserve - investment properties £ 000 612 -	Cash flow hedge reserve £ 000 469 - (214)	Profit and loss account £ 000 119,047 13,157 26	Total £ 000 120,128 13,157 (188)	Non- controlling interests £ 000 (224)	Total equity £ 000 119,904 13,157 (188)
Total comprehensive inco Dividends Transfers Increase in ownership int subsidiaries		- - -	(612)	(214)	13,183 (725) 612 (225)	12,969 (725) - (225)	- - - 225	12,969 (725) -
At 31 December 2020		-		<u>255</u>	131,892	132,147		132,147
		Share capital	Fair value reserve - investment properties £ 000	Cash flow hedge reserve £ 000	Profit and loss account £ 000	Total £ 000	Non- controlling interests £ 000	Total equity
At 1 January 2021 Profit for the year Other comprehensive inc	ome		-	255 - (223)	131,892 10,647 (16)	132,147 10,647 (239)	- - -	132,147 10,647 (239)
Total comprehensive inco	ome		<u> </u>	(223)	10,631	10,408		10,408
At 31 December 2021				32	142,523	142,555		142,555

The notes on pages 22 to 50 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

At.1 January 2020 Profit for the year	Share capital £ 000 - -	Profit and loss account £ 000 61,305 31,089	Total £ 000 61,305 31,089
Total comprehensive income Dividends	-	31,089 (725)	31,089 (725)
At 31 December 2020		91,669	91,669
At 1 January 2021 Profit for the year	Share capital £ 000 -	Profit and loss account £ 000 91,669 21,055	Total £ 000 91,669 21,055
Total comprehensive income At 31 December 2021		21,055 112,724	21,055 112,724

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Describe. Lot 1	Note	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit for the year Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items		10,647	13, 157
Depreciation and amortisation Changes in fair value of current asset investments	5	1,746 (3,284)	1,887 (2,923)
Changes in fair value of investment property Profit on disposal of tangible assets Profit from sales of investment properties	14	(85)	1,949 (107) (1,750)
Finance income	6	(529)	(682)
Finance costs Income tax expense	7 11	13 773	77 45
income tax expense	'''		
Working capital adjustments		9,281	11,653
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	17	415	(449)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors (Decrease)/increase in creditors	18	(4,059) (4,505)	2,631
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	20 22	(1,505) (132)	882 186
Cash generated from operations		4,000	14,903
Income taxes received	11 .	124	407
Net cash flow from operating activities		4,124	15,310
Cash flows from investing activities Interest received Acquisitions of tangible assets Proceeds from sale of tangible assets Acquisition of intangible assets Proceeds from sale of investment properties Dividend income Acquisition of short term listed investments	12	49 (1,004) 106 (54) 480 (25,075)	203 (1,811) 169 - 3,150 483 (13,338)
Proceeds from disposal of short term listed investments		21,892	20,336
Net cash flows from investing activities		(3,606)	9,192
Cash flows from financing activities Interest paid Payments to finance lease creditors Dividends paid	7	(13) (80)	(77) (82) (726)
Net cash flows from financing activities		(93)	(885)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		425	23,617
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		62,080	38,434
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held		(16)	29
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		62,489	62,080

The notes on pages 22 to 50 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England & Wales.

The address of its registered office is Armstrong Works, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 6UX.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006'.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

These financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity, and rounded to the nearest £000.

Summary of disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.
- (c) No disclosure has been given for the aggregate remuneration of key management personnel.

The parent company has applied the exemption contained in section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not included its individual statement of comprehensive income.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption available under paragraph 33.1A of FRS 102 and does not disclose related party transactions with members of the same group that are wholly owned.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary_undertakings_drawn_up-to-3.1_December_2021_______

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is achieved where the company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the Income Statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by the group.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for business combinations that result in the acquisition of subsidiaries by the group. The cost of a business combination is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the business combination. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. Any excess of the cost of the business combination over the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised is recorded as goodwill.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between the company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, are eliminated in full.

Intra-group losses are also eliminated but may indicate an impairment that requires recognition in the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the group. Non-controlling interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the group's equity therein. Non-controlling interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the non-controlling shareholder's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination.

Non-controlling interests

Minority interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the Group's equity. Minority interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the minority's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination.

The proportions of profit or loss and changes in equity allocated to the owners of the parent and to the minority interests are determined on the basis of existing ownership interests and do not reflect the possible exercise or conversion of options or convertible instruments.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

The group meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash generated from operations and return on investments.

The group's forecasts and projections for the next twelve months show that the group should be able to continue in operational existence for that period, taking into account possible changes in trading performance.

Having considered the current cash forecasts of the group the directors have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. The group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

Revenue recognition - Judgement is required to determine whether to apply construction contract accounting (and recognise revenue as work progresses) or to only recognise revenue when an order is fully complete and delivered to the customer. When making this judgement, management consider factors such as the nature and duration of a contract and its significance to the activities of the company as a whole.

Carrying value of investments and intercompany receivables - In the company balance sheet, management must be satisfied that the carrying value of investments in subsidiaries, and any loans receivable from those subsidiaries, do not exceed their recoverable amount. This involves consideration of the most recent trading performance and financial position of the subsidiary, and also forecasts for future trading. The forward looking element of the assessment is inherently subject to uncertainty.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows:

Useful economic lives of tangible assets - The annual depreciation charge is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful lives of the assets. The useful economic lives are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, future investments and economic utilisation. The carrying amount is £14,336,000 (2020 - £14,957,000).

Valuation of work in progress - It is necessary to consider whether the accumulated cost of work in progress is ultimately recoverable, or whether a provision is required. When determining the need for provision, management considers the level of risk inherent in each project (which tends to be greater for more complex, unique or first in class projects and those of longer duration) and apply their best estimate of future time and material requirements. The carrying amount is £6,261,000 (2020 - £6,462,000).

Impairment of debtors - The group estimates the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing impairment of trade and other debtors, management consider factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the ageing profile and historical experience. The carrying amount is £186,000 (2020 - £152,000).

Provisions - Provision is made for product rectification costs under warranty and onerous leases, including dilapidation costs under those leases. These provisions require management's best estimate of the costs that will be incurred, based on contractual requirements and historical experience. The carrying amount is £439,000 (2020 - £483,000).

Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the group's activities. Turnover is shown net of value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts and after eliminating sales within the group.

Sale of goods

Unless construction contract accounting is applied, turnover is recognised either when the goods are physically delivered to the customer or when customer is notified that the goods are ready for collection, depending on the agreed terms of sale. Payments received and amounts invoiced to customers in advance of goods being delivered are included in creditors as deferred income, and revenue recognised in advance of invoicing is shown as accrued income, within debtors.

When construction contract accounting is applied, if the outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably, revenue and costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the reporting date. This is normally measured by the proportion that contract costs incurred for-work-performed-to-date-bear-to-the-estimated-total-contract-costs.

When the outcome of a contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognised to the extent of contract costs incurred where it is probable they will be recoverable. Contract costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Rendering of services

Revenue is recognised as services are provided. Where a contract has only been partially completed at the balance sheet date, turnover represents the fair value of the service provided to date based on the stage of completion of the contract activity at the balance sheet date. Where payments are received from customers in advance of services provided, the amounts are recorded as deferred income and included as part of creditors due within one year.

Rental income

Rental income is recognised on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Dividend and interest income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established. Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis.

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 grant will be received.

Government grants relating to turnover are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. Grants relating to an asset are recognised in income systematically over the assets's expected useful life. If part of such a grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income rather than being deducted from the assets's carrying amount.

Government grants included within other operating income includes the UK Government assistance provided through Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Foreign currency transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the functional currency rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into the respective functional currency of the entity at the rates prevailing on the reporting period date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate on the date when the fair value is re-measured.

Non-monetary items measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Tax

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

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted_or_substantively_enacted_by_the_reporting_date_in_the_countries_where_the_group-operates_and-generates taxable income.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between taxable profits and profits reported in the consolidated financial statements. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised when it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the statement of financial position at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class

Freehold property
Long leaseholder property
Leasehold improvements
Plant and machinery
Motor vehicles
Fixtures and fittings
Office and computer equipment

Depreciation method and rate

50 years straight line
40 to 50 years straight line
Lease term
5 to 10 years straight line
4 to 7 years straight line
2 to 8 years straight line
3 years straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the company are assigned to those units.

Investment property

Investment property is carried at fair value, derived from the current market prices for comparable real estate determined annually by external valuers. The valuers use observable market prices, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for using the purchase method. The consideration for each acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values at acquisition date of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the group in exchange for control of the acquired, plus any costs directly attributable to the business combination. When a business combination agreement provides for an adjustment to the cost of the combination contingent on future events, the group includes the estimated amount of that adjustment in the cost of the combination at the acquisition date if the adjustment is probable and can be measured reliably.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of an entity represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the entity recognised at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is held in the currency of the acquired entity and revalued to the closing rate at each reporting period date. Goodwill is amortised over its useful life, which shall not exceed ten years if a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made.

Intangible assets

Separately acquired trademarks and licences are shown at historical cost.

Trademarks, licences (including software) and customer-related intangible assets acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date.

Trademarks, licences and customer-related intangible assets have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets so as to write off the cost, less any estimated residual value, over their useful life as follows:

Asset class

Goodwill Patents Computer software Amortisation method and rate

10% straight line 10% - 20% straight line 33% straight line

Investments

Investments in equity shares which are publicly traded or where the fair value can be measured reliably are initially measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Investments in equity shares which are not publicly traded and where fair value cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment. Interest income on debt securities, where applicable, is recognised in income using the effective interest method. Dividends on equity securities are recognised in income when receivable.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all direct costs and, for manufactured stocks and work in progress, an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads (based on normal operating capacity). Cost is determined using the first-in first-out (FIFO) method.

Provision is made as necessary for damaged, obsolete or slow-moving items.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the group does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the group has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the group will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised at the lower of their fair value at inception of the lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments. These assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the useful life of the asset and the lease term. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the Statement of Financial Position as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance costs in the Income Statement and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Dividends

Dividend distribution to the group's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the reporting period in which the dividends are declared.

Defined contribution pension obligation

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the group has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off to the profit and loss account in the period in which it is incurred.

Derivative financial instruments and hedging

Derivatives

Derivative financial instruments, comprising forward currency contracts, are initially recognised at fair value at the date the contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in the profit and loss account unless they are part of a hedging arrangement.

Hedging

The company applies hedge accounting for transactions entered into to manage the cash flow exposure of sales contracts denominated in foreign currencies. Forward currency contracts are held to manage the foreign exchange exposures and are designated as cash flow hedges of highly probable forecast sales transactions.

Changes in the fair values of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges are recognised in other comprehensive income as either a gain or a loss. Any ineffectiveness in the hedging relationship (being the excess of the cumulative change in fair value of the hedging instrument since the inception of the hedge over the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item since inception of the hedge) is recognised in the profit and loss account.

The gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to the profit and loss account when the hedge relationship ends. Hedge accounting is discontinued on expiry or termination of the hedging instrument, the hedging instrument no longer meets the hedging criteria or the forecast transaction-is-no-longer-highly-probable.

Exceptional items

Certain one-off charges or credits that have a material impact on the financial results are classified as 'exceptional items'. These are disclosed separately to provide further understanding of the financial performance of the group.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

3 Turnover

The analysis of the group's Turnover for the year from continuing operations is as follows:

Sale of goods Rendering of services	2021 £ 000 45,139 12,078 57,217	2020 £ 000 53,120 9,783 62,903
The analysis of the group's turnover for the year by market is as follows:	ows:	
UK Europe Rest of world	2021 £ 000 21,905 120 35,192 57,217	2020 £ 000 18,259 548 44,096 62,903
4 Other operating income		
The analysis of the group's other operating income for the year is as	follows:	
Grants Miscellaneous other operating income Rental income	2021 £ 000 312 660	2020 £ 000 350 168 633
	972	1,151

The group received government grant assistance during the year via the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme of £311,508 (2020 - £323,868), which is included in Grants income above.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

5 Operating profit

Arrived at after charging/(crediting)

	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Depreciation expense	1,669	1,832
Amortisation expense	77	55
Research and development cost	2,650	2,062
Foreign exchange (gains)/losses	(116)	110
Operating lease expenses	649	567
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(85)	(107)
Exceptional expenses		510

In 2020 the exceptional expenses comprised of redundancy costs of £497,000 and other one-off net expenses of £13,000.

6 Other interest receivable and similar income

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Interest income on investments	8	9
Interest income on bank deposits	41	158
Dividend income	480	479
Other finance income		36
	529	682
7 Interest payable and similar expenses		
	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Interest on bank overdrafts and borrowings	•	58
Interest on obligations under finance leases and hire purchase		
contracts	12	19
Interest expense on other finance liabilities	1	
	13	77

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs	(including directors' remuneration) were as follows:

Wages and salaries £ 000 £ 000 Social security costs 16,934 18,413 Pension costs, defined contribution scheme 613 649 Redundancy costs 79 - The average number of persons employed by the group (including directors) during the year analysed by category was as follows: 2021 2020 No. No. No. No. Production Administration and support Management 99 76 Apprentices 9 46	,		
The average number of persons employed by the group (including directors) during the year analysed by category was as follows: 2021 2020 No. No. Production 231 240 Administration and support 99 76 Management 25 27 Apprentices 9 46 364 389 9 Directors' remuneration	Social security costs Pension costs, defined contribution scheme	£ 000 16,934 1,772 613 79	2020 £ 000 18,413 1,984 649
analysed by category was as follows: 2021 2020 No. No. Production 231 240 Administration and support 99 76 Management 25 27 Apprentices 9 46 364 389 9 Directors' remuneration		19,398	21,046
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Apprentices 9 46 364 389 9 Directors' remuneration	Administration and support	99	76
9 Directors' remuneration	Management	25	27
9 Directors' remuneration	Apprentices	9	46
		364	389
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	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Remuneration	654	765
Contributions paid to money purchase schemes	12	6
	666	771

During the year the number of directors who were receiving benefits and share incentives was as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Accruing benefits under money purchase pension scheme	1	1

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

9 Directors' remuneration (continued)

	In respect	of the	highest	paid	director:
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	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Remuneration	364	459
10 Auditors' remuneration		
•	2021	2020
	£ 000	£:000
Audit of these financial statements	7	7
Audit of the financial statements of subsidiaries of the company		
pursuant to legislation	67	67
	74	74
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	2	-
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11 Taxation		
Tax charged/(credited) in the consolidated income statement		
	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Current taxation		
	105	£4
UK corporation tax	105	51 (474)
UK corporation tax adjustment to prior periods	(44)	(474)
	61	(423)
Deferred taxation		
Arising from origination and reversal of timing differences	399	454
Arising from changes in tax rates and laws	313	14
Total deferred taxation	712	468
Tax expense in the income statement	773	45

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

11 Taxation (continued)

The tax on profit before tax for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (2020 - lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK) of 19% (2020 - 19%).

The differences are reconciled below:

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Profit before tax	11,420	13,202
Corporation tax at standard rate	2,170	2,508
Effect of revenues exempt from taxation Effect of expense not deductible in determining taxable profit (tax	(141)	(26)
loss)	256	309
Deferred tax expense relating to changes in tax rates or laws Decrease in UK and foreign current tax from unrecognised tax	313	14
loss or credit	-	(474)
Deferred tax credit from unrecognised tax loss or credit Decrease in UK and foreign current tax from adjustment for prior	(804)	(247)
periods Tax decrease from effect of adjustment in research and	. (44)	-
development tax credit	(701)	(686)
Tax decrease from effect of indexation allowance on capital gains Tax decrease from effect of rollover relief on profit on disposal of	` <u>-</u>	(26)
fixed assets Other tax effects for reconciliation between accounting profit and	-	(308)
tax expense (income)	(276)	(1,019)
Total tax charge	773	45

At the balance sheet date, the group had unutilised tax losses of approximately £10,595,000 (2020 - £12,440,000) available to carry forward against future taxable profits.

There exists an unrecognised deferred tax asset of approximately £1,897,000 (2020 - £1,820,000) in respect of these losses, which the directors have not recognised until such time as their recovery can be expected with reasonable certainty. The unrecognised deferred tax asset has been calculated based on tax rates substantively enacted by the balance sheet date, being 25% (2020 - 19%), that are expected to apply when the asset is recovered.

In the Spring Budget 2021 the government announced that the main rate of UK corporation tax will increase to 25% from 1 April 2023. This proposed rate change had been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, so its effects are included in these financial statements (deferred tax has been calculated at 25%).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

11 Taxation (continued)

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Group

Deferred tax assets and liabilities		
	Asset	Liability
2021	£ 000	£ 000
Fixed assets timing differences	-	532
Tax losses carried forward	-	(752)
Short-term timing differences		1,538
		1,318
	Asset	Liability
2020	£ 000	£ 000
Fixed assets timing differences	2000	316
Tax losses carried forward	_	(477)
Short-term timing differences		815
		654
Tax relating to items recognised in other comprehensive incom-	e or equity - group	
	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Deferred tax related to items recognised as items of other comprehensive income	(49)	(36)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

12 Intangible assets

Group

	Goodwill £ 000	Trademarks, patents and licenses £ 000	Computer software £ 000	Total £ 000
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2021 Additions acquired separately	20,108	315 54	89 	20,512 54
At 31 December 2021	20,108	369	89	20,566
Amortisation At 1 January 2021 Amortisation charge	20,108	160 62	74 15	20,342 77
At 31 December 2021	20,108	222	89	20,419
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2021	_	147		147
At 31 December 2020		155	15	170

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

13 Tangible assets

Group

	Long leasehold land and buildings £ 000	Fixtures and fittings £ 000	Plant and machinery £ 000	Motor vehicles £ 000	Total £ 000
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2021 Additions Disposals Foreign exchange movements	11,415 142 -	3,607 58 (19)	14,871 721 (1,161)	528 148 (70)	30,421 1,069 (1,250)
At 31 December 2021	11,557	3,646	14,432	606	30,241
Depreciation At 1 January 2021 Charge for the year Eliminated on disposal Foreign exchange movements	1,937 229 - 	3,060 177 (19)	10,360 1,140 (1,155)	107 123 (55)	15,464 1,669 (1,229)
At 31 December 2021	2,166	3,218	10,346	175	15,905
Carrying amount			•		
At 31 December 2021	9,391	428	4,086	431	14,336
At 31 December 2020	9,478	547	4,511	421	14,957

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

The net carrying amount of tangible assets includes the following amounts in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts:

	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Plant and machinery	355	369

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13 Tangible assets (continued)

Company

	Fixtures and fittings £ 000	Plant and machinery £ 000	Office equipment £ 000	Motor vehicles £ 000	Total £ 000
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2021 Additions Disposals	9 - 	12 - (5)	61 1 (9)	151 - 	233 1 (23)
At 31 December 2021		7	53	151	211
Depreciation At 1 January 2021 Charge for the year Eliminated on disposal	9 - (9)	12 - (5)	52 5 (9)	4 25 -	77 30 (23)
At 31 December 2021		7	48	29	84
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2021			5	122	127
At 31 December 2020		-	9	147	156

14 Investment properties

Group

	2021
	£ 000
At 1 January	
At 31 December	6,315

The investment properties comprise of £3,380,000 of freehold property and £2,935,000 long leasehold properties.

The directors do not consider there to have been any significant change in the fair value over the year.

In the prior year results both the investment properties held were reduced to their external valuations as made by BNP Paribas, on an open market value basis.

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15 Investments

Company		
Investments in subsidiaries	2021 £ 000 10,252	2020 £ 000 10,252
Subsidiaries		£ 000
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2021		44,627
At 31 December 2021		44,627
Provision At 1 January 2021		34,375
At 31 December 2021		34,375
Carrying amount		
At 31 December 2021		10,252
At 31 December 2020		10,252

Details of undertakings

Details of the investments (including principal place of business of unincorporated entities) in which the company holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking Subsidiary undertakir	Registered office	Holding	Proportion rights and s	_
oubsidiary directions	.90			
Pearson Engineering Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Pearson Engineering Inc	87 Amlajack Way Newnan GA 30265 USA		100%	100%
Pearson Engineering Singapore PTE Ltd	297 South Bridge Road Singapore 058839	Ordinary	100%	0%

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15 Investments (continued)

Undertaking Responsive Engineering (Holdings) Limited	Registered office Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Holding Ordinary	Proportion rights and s	
Responsive Engineering Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Rapid Manufacturing Services Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Velocity Works Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Velocity UK Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Velocity Road Solutions Inc	87 Amlajack Way Newnan GA 30265 USA		100%	100%
Velocity Patching Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Velocity Transport Solutions Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road	Ordinary	100%	100%
	Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales			
Reece Treasury Management Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%

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15 Investments (continued)

Undertaking Reece Property Limited	Registered office Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Holding Ordinary		n of voting I shares held 100%
Reece Innovation Centre Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Jayauto Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%

Subsidiary undertakings

- Pearson Engineering Limited Combat engineering equipment
- · Pearson Engineering Inc Combat engineering equipment
- Pearson Engineering Singapore PTE Ltd Business development in Singapore and across the wider Asia Pacific region
- Responsive Engineering (Holdings) Limited Intermediate holding company
- Responsive Engineering Limited Sub-contract manufacturing services
- Rapid Manufacturing Services Limited Sub-contract manufacturing services
- Velocity Works Limited Intermediate holding company
- · Velocity UK Limited Road repair services
- · Velocity Road Solutions Inc Road repair services
- Velocity Patching Limited Dormant
- Velocity Transport Solutions Limited Vehicle and driver hire services
- Reece Treasury Management Limited Group treasury function
- Reece Property Limited Group property function
- Reece Innovation Centre Limited Dormant
- · Jayauto Limited Dormant

All subsidiaries are held directly, except for Responsive Engineering Limited, Pearson Engineering Inc and Pearson Engineering Singapore PTE Ltd which are the subsidiaries of Pearson Engineering Limited. Velocity UK Limited which is the subsidiary of Velocity Works Limited. Velocity Patching Limited, Velocity Road Solutions Inc and Velocity Transport Solutions which are the subsidiaries of Velocity UK Limited.

Reece Dormco Limited, Omnium Sensing Limited and Tellus Utilities Limited were all dissolved during the year.

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16 Other financial assets

Group

	Unlisted investments £ 000
Non-current financial assets	
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2021	10
At 31 December 2021	10
Impairment At 1 January 2021	10
At 31 December 2021	10
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	
At 31 December 2020	-

The group has an indirect investment in a 50% Joint Venture, Velocity Global Limited. Velocity Global Limited is incorporated in the UK. The group also has an indirect 20% in Green Patcher Colombia SAS. This company is incorporated in Colombia.

Both of these investments are considered to be immaterial and not significant to the group and therefore have not been equity accounted in line with FRS 102.

	Derivatives used for hedging £ 000
Current financial assets	
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2021 Fair value adjustments	315 (272)
At 31 December 2021	43
Carrying amount	
-At-31-December-2021	43
At 31 December 2020	315_

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16 Other financial assets (continued)

Comp	pany
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				Financial assets at cost less impairment £ 000
Non-current financial assets				
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2021				10
At 31 December 2021				10
Impairment At 1 January 2021				10
At 31 December 2021				10
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2021				
At 31 December 2020				<u>-</u>
17 Stocks				
	2021 £ 000	Group 2020 £ 000	2021 £ 000	Company 2020 £ 000
Raw materials and	2.000	2 000	£ 000	£ 000
consumables	1,774	1,988	-	-
Work in progress	6,261	6,462		-
	8,035	8,450	-	-

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18 Debtors

Trade debtors	Note	2021 £ 000 13,606	Group 2020 € 000 6,218	2021 £ 000 4	Company 2020 £ 000
Amounts owed by related parties	30	24	125	91,986	75,534
Other debtors		529	554	38	13
Prepayments		1,702	1,203	400	10
Accrued income		749	4,451	-	-
Deferred tax assets	11	-	-	251	204
Corporation tax asset	11	41	187	-	
		16,651	12,738	92,679	75, 761
Less non-current portion		•	<u>.</u>	(2,562)	(7,345)
		16,651	12,738	90,117	68,416

Details of non-current trade and other debtors

Company

£2,561,875 (2020 - £7,345,070) of Amounts owed by related parties is classified as non current.

19 Current asset investments

Listed investments	£	021 000 796	Group 2020 € 000 37,329	2021 £ 000	Company 2020 £ 000
20 Creditors					
	Note	2021 £ 000	Group 2020 £ 000	2021 £ 000	Company 2020 £ 000
Due within one year					
Loans and borrowings Trade creditors	21	98 1,697	75 2,185	. 14	23
Amounts due to related parties	30	· -	, <u>-</u>	831	•
Social security and other taxes		965	1,453	28	54
Other creditors		474	46	-	3
Accruals Corporation tax liability	11	3,897 89	4,326 50	305 -	312 -
Gross amount due to customers for contract work		96	625		-
	=	7,316	8,760	1,178	392
Due after one year				_	
Loans and borrowings	21 _	138	176		

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21 Loans and borrowings

Current loans and borrowings	2021 £ 000	Group 2020 £ 000	2021 £ 000	Company 2020 £ 000
Hire purchase and finance lease liabilities	98	75	-	
	2021	Group 2020	2021	Company 2020
Non-current loans and borrowings	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000
Hire purchase contracts	138	176		<u> </u>

Hire purchase contract liabilities are secured against the assets to which they relate.

22 Provisions for liabilities

Group

At 1 January 2021 Additional provisions Increase (decrease) in	Warranties £ 000 483 463	contracts £ 000 134	Deferred tax £ 000 654	Total £ 000 1,271 463
existing provisions Provisions used Unused provision reversed	(95) (412)	(88)	664 - 	576 (95) (412)
At 31 December 2021	439	46	1,318	1,80 <u>3</u>

The warranty provision reflects an estimate of the future warranty costs arising on sales made in the year, and is expected to be utilised within the next financial year.

The onerous contract provision reflects the remaining value of a lease entered into less any guaranteed income to be received on the property.

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23 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the group to the scheme and amounted to £612,641 (2020 - £648,480).

Contributions totalling £6,555 (2020 - £5,422) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

24 Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2021		2020	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary A shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	8
Ordinary B shares of £0.10 each	80	. 8	80	. 8
Ordinary C shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	. 8
Ordinary D shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	. 8
Ordinary E shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	8
Ordinary F shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	. 8
Ordinary G shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	8
Ordinary H shares of £0.10 each	147	15	147	15
Ordinary I shares of £0.10 each	147	15	147	15
Ordinary J shares of £0.10 each	146	15	146	15
	1,000	100	1,000	100

All classes of ordinary share rank pari passu in all respects, other than no dividend is payable on the J Ordinary shares until an aggregate threshold for dividends paid across all other classes of Ordinary shares is exceeded.

Dividends paid on one class of share may differ from those paid on another class of share as the directors decide.

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25 Reserves

Group

Called up share capital

This represents the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

Revaluation reserve

Fair value gains on investment property recognised in the profit and loss account, together with any associated deferred tax, are transferred from the profit and loss reserve to an investment property fair value reserves, as the gains not distributable until they are realised on disposal of the property.

Profit and loss account

The profit and loss reserve is the group's / company's cumulative profits and losses, net of cumulative dividends paid and other adjustments. Fair value gains on investment property recognised in the profit and loss account, together with any associated deferred tax, are transferred from the profit and loss reserve to an investment property fair value reserves, as the gains not distributable until they are realised on disposal of the property.

Cash flow hedge reserve

This reserve records gains and losses arising from the company's hedging arrangements.

26 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Group

Finance leases

The total of future minimum lease payments is as follows:

Not later than one year Later than one year and not later than five years	2021 £ 000 98 138	2020 £ 000 75 176
	236	251
Operating leases The total of future minimum lease payments is as follows:		
Not later than one year	2021 £ 000 175	2020 £ 000 181
Later than one year and not later than five years	226	334
	401	515

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26 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts (continued)

Operating leases - lessor

The total of future minimum lease payments is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Not later than one year	638	688
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,816	2,205
Later than five years	78	266
•	2,532	3,159

27 Dividends

	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Interim dividend of £Nil (2020 - £725) per ordinary share	·	725
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28 Contingent liabilities

Group

From time to time, the group provides bank guarantees to its customers. At the balance sheet date, guarantees were in place amounting to £7,444,000 (2020 - £3,885,000).

29 Analysis of changes in net debt

Group

	At 1 January 2021 £ 000	Financing cash flows £ 000	New finance leases £ 000	Foreign exchange movements £ 000	At 31 December 2021 £ 000
Cash and cash equivalents Cash	62,080	425	-	(16)	62,489
Borrowings Lease liabilities	(251)	80	(65)		(236)
	61,829	505	(65)	(16)	62,253

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30 Related party transactions

Group

Key management compensation

	2021	2020
	£ 000	£ 000
Salaries and other short term employee benefits	975	1,111

During the year, Reece Property Limited charged rent to Benbecula Group, a company which J P Reece is a director and shareholder, of £Nil (2020 - £14,863), recharged utility costs of £Nil (2020 - £10,754) and was recharged repair costs of £Nil (2020 - £59,286). At the balance sheet date the amount due from Benbecula Group was £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

During the year, Velocity UK Limited made sales to Velocity Global Limited, a company with a common shareholder of £Nil (2020 - £28,209). At the balance sheet date the amount due from Velocity Global Limited was £25,291 (2020 - £124,928).

During the year, Reece Group Limited made donations to The Reece Foundation, a charitable company which J P Reece, A D Reece and Simon Gilroy are directors, of £565,000 (2020 - £1,049,497). At the balance sheet date the amount owing to The Reece Foundation was £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

31 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The ultimate controlling party is the Trustees of the Dr Reece Will Trust, as a body.