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Strategic report

Red Topco Limited ('the company' or 'the group') is a specialist recruitment organisation focusing on contract and permanent recruitment in the SAP environment on a worldwide basis. The group provides services to clients in Europe, the Americas and across Asia Pacific.

The group's vision is to be the global SAP recruitment partner of choice.

Business Review

The group had an increase in turnover of £9.7m (2015: decrease of £1.5m), and an increase in gross profit of £1.1m (2015: decrease of £1.1m).

During the year the group's permanent recruitment division declined in profitability due largely to the loss of experienced consultants and the time taken to train new hirers. In addition, the closure of the group's consulting business and subsequent restructure impacted the business, most significantly the Brazil and US operations, which had to reposition their service offerings in the market place. Significant investment has been made in the Group's employees, through new hires, and infrastructure to help promote future growth.

The table below summarises the performance of the group, and separates exceptional one-off items as well as non-cash items to isolate the underlying performance. It indicates the Group made a small "normalised" profit for the year.

		FY16			FY15	
	Actuals	Exceptional / Non-cash	"Normalised" operations	Actuals	Exceptional / Non-cash	"Normalised" operations
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Turnover	89,152	_	89,152	79,412	-	79,412
Cost of sales	(70,347)	-	(70,347)	(61,680)	-	(61,680)
Gross profit	18,805	ē	18,805	17,732	-	17,732
Direct sales and support costs	(17,820)	-	(17,820)	(16,719)	-	(16,719)
Goodwill amortisation and depreciation	(2,550)	(2,550)		(2,142)	(2,142)	-
Exceptional finance and restructuring	(1,177)	(1,177)		(856)	(856)	
Operating (loss)/profit	(2,742)	(3,727)	985	(1,985)	(2,998)	1,013
Bank & loan interest and other costs	(861)	-	(861)	(1,168)	(276)	(892)
Loan notes interest	(2,916)	(2,916)		(4,337)	(4,337)	-
Amortisation of debt issue costs	(317)	(317)	-	(317)	(317)	-
Foreign exchange movements	(522)	(403)	(119)	672	557	115
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(7,358)	(7,363)	5	(7,135)	(7,371)	236

Principal Risk and Uncertainty

The performance of the group is significantly affected by changes to underlying economic activity, particularly in its key geographies of the UK and Germany.

Any significant change in the demand for SAP as an enterprise resource planning software solution is another risk facing the business as any decline in the demand for SAP software would likely reduce the demand for talent recruited through the group on either a permanent or contract basis.

The group is also reliant on its ability to recruit, train, develop and retain staff to drive profitable growth.

Key Performance Indicators

A number of key performance indicators are used within the group to monitor performance. The most important of those are noted below.

	2016	2015
Turnover growth, by region		
UK	26%	(6%)
Continental Europe	7%	(1%)
Rest of World	25%	(3%)
Gross Profit Percentage	21%	22%

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Funding

Prior to the year end the Group commenced an exercise to refinance the HSBC invoice discounting facility as well as the HSBC term loans held in the intermediate subsidiary company Red Bidco Limited. The exercise was completed in August 2016 and a new £25m invoice discount facility was agreed with Bank Leumi ABL Limited.

During the year the Group received a short term working capital loan from the ultimate controlling party, Dunedin Capital Partners. The loan attracts annual interest of 8% and is expected to be repaid within 1 year of the aforementioned refinance arrangement.

A McRae Director

2nd May 2017

5th floor, 33 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0BT

Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year to 31 March 2016.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the group is the provision of IT recruitment and staffing services.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (2015: £nil).

Directors

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

A McRae

R Marshall

L Hayman

I Martin (resigned on 8 January 2016)

J Sealy (appointed on 1 February 2016)

Political and charitable contributions

During the year the group made no charitable contributions (2015: £nil) and no political contributions (2015: £nil).

Provision of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board

A McRae Secretary 5th floor, 33 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0BT

2nd May 2017

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Strategic Report, Directors' Report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the group and parent company financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and parent company and of their profit or loss for that period. In preparing each of the group and parent company financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and the 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 its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Red Topco Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Red Topco for the year ended 31 March 2016 set out on pages 6 to 28. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

Opinion on financial statements

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 March 2016 and of the group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK 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 Directors' Report 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 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.

Mark Sheppard (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
1 Forest Gate
Brighton Road
Crawley
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Consolidated profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 2016

	Note		
		2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Turnover	2	89,152	7,9,412
Cost of sales		(70,347)	(61,680)
Gross profit		18,805	17,732
Administration expenses	3	(21,547)	(19,717)
Operating loss		(2,742)	(1,985)
Net finance expense	6	(4,616)	(5,150)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	. 3	(7,358)	(7,135)
Taxation on loss on ordinary activities	7	(334)	(441)
Loss for the year	15	(7,692)	(7,576)

All amounts are from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 12 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Other Comprehensive Income

for year ended 31 March 2016

Note	2016 £000	2015 £000
Loss for the year	(7,692)	<u>(7,576)</u>
Other comprehensive income		
Foreign exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(314)	(16)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax	(314)	(16)
Total comprehensive income for the year	(8,006)	(7,592)

Consolidated balance sheet as at 31 March 2016

	Note					
		20	16	2015		
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Fixed assets						
Goodwill	8	28,115		29,956		
Tangible assets	9	1,116		704		
			29,231		30,660	
Current assets					-	
Debtors	11	21,393		18,936		
Cash at bank and in hand		919		2,736		
		22,312		21,672		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(27,088)		(17,844)		
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(4,776)		3,828	
Total assets less current liabilities			24,455		34,488	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(49,524)		(51,545)	
Net liabilities			(25,069)		(17,057)	
Capital and reserves				,		
Called up share capital	14		125		125	
Share premium account	15		210		210	
Own shares held	15		(45)		(39)	
Profit and loss account			(25,359)		(17,353)	
Equity shareholders' deficit			(25,069)		(17,057)	

The notes on pages 12 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 2nd May 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

A McRae Director

Company balance sheet at 31 March 2016

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Plant and a		£'000	2016 £'000	£′000	2015 £'000
Fixed assets					
Investments	10		-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	11	68		66	
Craditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(723)		(592)	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(723)		(392)	
Net current liabilities			(655)		(526)
Total assets less current liabilities			(655)	4	(526)
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Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(2,434)		(2,515)
Net liabilities			(3,089)		(3,041)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	14		125		125
Share premium account	15		210		210
Own shares held	15		(45)		(39)
Profit and loss account			(3,379)		(3,337)
Equity shareholders' deficit			(3,089)		(3,041)
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Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

for year ended 31 March 2016

for year ended 31 March 2016			
	Note	2016 £000	2015 £000
Cash flows from operating activities		2000	2000
Loss for the year		(7,692)	(7,576)
Adjustments for:		(1,07-)	(,,,,,,,
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		2,550	2,142
Foreign exchange losses / (gains)		522	(672)
Interest payable & other charges		4,094	5,822
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		-	(1)
Taxation		334	442
(Increase) in trade and other debtors		(2,319)	(1,450)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other creditors		1,292	(175)
Foreign Exchange Movements		(269)	(552)
Tax paid		(519)	(425)
Net cash from operating activities		(2,007)	(2,445)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,121)	(308)
Net cash from investing activities	. —	(1,121)	(308)
Cash flows from financing activities			•
(Purchase)/Sale of own shares		(6)	6
Proceeds from new loan		2,500	6,000
Interest paid		(677)	(1,179)
Repayment of borrowings		(484)	(3,938)
Net cash from financing activities		1,333	889
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Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(1,795)	(1,864)
Cash and cash equivalents at 01 April	·	(1,520)	344
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	21	(3,315)	(1,520)

The notes on pages 12 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2016

	Called up Share Capital £000	Share Premium £000	Own Shares £000	Profit & Loss Account £000	Total Shareholder's Equity £000
Balance at 01 April 2014	125	210	(45)	(9,761)	(9,471)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-		•	-	
Profit & loss	-	-		(7,576)	(7,576)
Other comprehensive income		-		(16)	(16)
Total comprehensive income for the period	: -	-	· -	(7,592)	(7,592)
Disposal of own shares	-	· · -	6	-	6
Balance at 31 March 2015	125	210	(39)	(17,353)	(17,057)
	Called up	Share	Own	Profit &	Total
	Share	Premium	Shares	Loss	Shareholder's
	Capital			Account	Equity
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance at 01 April 2015	125	210	(39)	(17,353)	(17,057)
Total comprehensive income for the period	•		-	-	-
Profit & loss	_	-		(7,692)	(7,692)
Other comprehensive income	-	_		(314)	(314)
Total comprehensive income for the period		* -	<u> </u>	(8,006)	(8,006)
Purchase of own shares		-	(6)	· •	(6)
Balance at 31 March 2016	125	210	(45)	(25,359)	(25,069)

The notes on pages 12 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

Company statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 31 March 2016

	Called up Share Capital £000	Share Premium £000	Own Shares £000	Profit & Loss Account £000	Total Shareholder's Equity £000
Balance at 01 April 2014	125	210	(45)	(2,952)	(2,662)
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit & loss	-	-	-	(385)	(385)
Other comprehensive income					
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-		(385)	(385)
Disposal of own shares	-		6	-	6
Balance at 31 March 2015	125	210	(39)	(3,337)	(3,041)
	Callad	Share	0	Profit &	Total
	Called up Share	Snare Premium	Own Shares	Loss	Shareholder's
	Capital	i i ciliidiii	Silares	Account	Equity
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance at 01 April 2015	125	210	(39)	(3,337)	(3,041)
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit & loss	-	-	-	(42)	(42)
Other comprehensive income					
Total comprehensive income for the period	<u>-</u>			(42) ————	(42)
Purchase of own shares	-	-	(6)	-	(6)
Balance at 31 March 2016		210	(45)	(3,379)	(3,089)

The notes on pages 12 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

Red Topco Limited (the "Company") is a company limited by shares and incorporated and domiciled in the UK.

These Group and parent company financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard* applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") as issued in August 2014. The amendments to FRS 102 issued in July 2015 and effective immediately have been applied. The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

In the transition to FRS 102 from old UK GAAP, the Group has made measurement and recognition adjustments. An explanation of how the transition to FRS 102 has affected financial position and financial performance of the Group is provided in note 23.

The parent company is included in the consolidated financial statements, and is considered to be a qualifying entity under FRS 102 paragraphs 1.8 to 1.12. The following exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of certain disclosures for the parent company financial statements have been applied:

- The reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding from the beginning to the end of the period has not been included a second time;
- No separate parent company Cash Flow Statement with related notes is included; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation has not been included a second time.
- Certain disclosures required by FRS 102.26 Share Based Payments; and,
- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

The Company proposes to continue to adopt the reduced disclosure framework of FRS 102 in its next financial statements.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Judgements made by the directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 22.

1.1 Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, notwithstanding the fact that the Group has net liabilities of £25.1 million at 31 March 2016 (2015: £17.1 million). The directors believe this is appropriate for the following reasons.

Since the balance sheet date the group has refinanced the term loan facilities held within the group with more flexible invoice discount facilities which provide significantly greater levels of facility than previously available. Other than those relating to the new invoice discount facility, the group has no interest or debt repayment obligations within the next twelve months. Based on detailed cashflow projections prepared by the group through to 31 March 2018 and less detailed projections through to 31 March 2020, including sensitivity analysis on key assumptions, the directors consider that the Company and the Group will continue to operate within the amended facilities.

1.3 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 March 2016. A subsidiary is an entity that is controlled by the parent. The results of subsidiary undertakings are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. Control is established when the Company has the power to govern the operating and financial policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. In assessing control, the Group takes into consideration potential voting rights that are currently exercisable.

Under Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 the Company is exempt from the requirement to present its own profit and loss account.

In the parent financial statements, investments in subsidiaries are carried at cost less impairment.

1.4 Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the Group companies' functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the profit and loss account.

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated to the Group's presentational currency, Sterling, at foreign exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. The revenues and expenses of foreign operations are translated at an average rate for the year where this rate approximates to the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange differences arising on retranslation are recognised in other comprehensive income.

1.5 Classification of financial instruments issued by the group

In accordance with FRS 102.22, financial instruments issued by the group are treated as equity only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- they include no contractual obligations upon the group to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the group; and
- where the instrument will or may be settled in the entity's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that
 includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the entity's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be
 settled by the entity exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity
 instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the entity's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

1.6 Basic financial instruments

Trade and other debtors / creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

Interest-bearing borrowings classified as basic financial instruments

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose only of the cash flow statement.

1.7 Other financial instruments

Financial instruments not considered to be Basic financial instruments (Other financial instruments)

Other financial instruments not meeting the definition of Basic Financial Instruments are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition other financial instruments are measured at fair value with changes recognised in profit or loss except as follows:

- investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair value cannot otherwise be measured reliably shall be measured at cost less impairment; and
- hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship shall be recognised as set out below.

Derivative financial instruments and hedging

Derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Cash flow hedges

For cash flow hedges, where the forecast transactions resulted in the recognition of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability, the hedging gain or loss recognised in OCI is included in the initial cost or other carrying amount of the asset or liability. Alternatively, when the hedged item is recognised in profit or loss the hedging gain or loss is reclassified to profit or loss. When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, or the entity discontinues designation of the hedge relationship but the hedged forecast transaction is still expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss at that point remains in equity and is recognised in accordance with the above policy when the transaction occurs. If the hedged transaction is no longer expected to take place, the cumulative unrealised gain or loss recognised in equity is recognised in the income statement immediately

Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Leases in which the entity assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset are classified as finance leases. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Leased assets acquired by way of finance lease are stated on initial recognition at an amount equal to the lower of their fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments at inception of the lease, including any incremental costs directly attributable to negotiating and arranging the lease. At initial recognition a finance lease liability is recognised equal to the fair value of the leased asset or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The present value of the minimum lease payments is calculated using the interest rate implicit in the lease. Lease payments are accounted for as described at 1.20 below.

The company assesses at each reporting date whether tangible fixed assets (including those leased under a finance lease) are impaired.

Depreciation is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of tangible fixed assets. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Land is not depreciated. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Computer equipment: 20-50%

Fixtures and fittings: 20-50% years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed if there is an indication of a significant change since last annual reporting date in the pattern by which the company expects to consume an asset's future economic benefits.

1.9 **Business** combinations

FRS 102.35 grants certain exemptions from the full requirements of FRS 102 in the transition period. The Company elected not to restate business combinations that took place prior to 1 April 2014. In respect of acquisitions prior to the application date, goodwill is included on the basis of its deemed cost, which represents the amount recorded under old UK GAAP. Intangible assets previously included in goodwill, are not recognised separately.

1.10 Goodwill

Goodwill

Goodwill is stated at cost less any accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units or group of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the business combination from which it arose.

Amortisation

Goodwill is amortised on a straight line basis over its useful life. Goodwill has no residual value. The finite useful life of goodwill is estimated to be 20 years

The company reviews the amortisation period and method when events and circumstances indicate that the useful life may have changed since the last reporting date.

Goodwill and other intangible assets are tested for impairment in accordance with Section 27 Impairment of assets when there is an indication that goodwill or an intangible asset may be impaired.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Impairment excluding deferred tax assets

Financial assets (including trade and other debtors)

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. For financial instruments measured at cost less impairment an impairment is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the entity's non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "cash-generating unit"). The goodwill acquired in a business combination, for the purpose of impairment testing is allocated to cash-generating units, or ("CGU") that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. For the purpose of goodwill impairment testing, if goodwill cannot be allocated to individual CGUs or groups of CGUs on a non-arbitrary basis, the impairment of goodwill is determined using the recoverable amount of the acquired entity in its entirety, or if it has been integrated then the entire group of entities into which it has been integrated.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a *pro rata* basis.

An impairment loss is reversed if and only if the reasons for the impairment have ceased to apply.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans and other long term employee benefits

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

Termination benefits

Termination benefits are recognised as an expense when the entity is demonstrably committed, without realistic possibility of withdrawal, to a formal detailed plan to either terminate employment before the normal retirement date, or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Termination benefits for voluntary redundancies are recognised as an expense if the entity has made an offer of voluntary redundancy, it is probably that the offer will be accepted, and the number of acceptances can be estimated reliably. If benefits are payable more than 12 months after the reporting date, then they are discounted to their present value.

Own shares held by ESOP trust

Transactions of the Company-sponsored ESOP trust are treated as being those of the Company and are therefore reflected in the company and group financial statements. In particular, the trust's purchases and sales of shares in the Company are debited and credited directly to equity.

1.13 Provisions

A provision is recognised in the balance sheet when the entity has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, that can be reliably measured and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Where the parent Company enters into financial guarantee contracts to guarantee the indebtedness of other companies within its group, the company treats the guarantee contract as a contingent liability in its individual financial statements until such time as it becomes probable that the company will be required to make a payment under the guarantee.

1.14 Turnover

The turnover represents amounts receivable for services, including reimbursed contractor expenses, net of VAT and trade discounts. Turnover from contract assignments is recognised when the services are performed based on hours worked by the consultants placed. Turnover from permanent placements is recognised at the start date of placing a candidate with a client. Provisions are made for possible cancellations of placements shortly after the commencement of employment.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.15 Expenses

Operating lease

Payments (excluding costs for services and insurance) made under operating leases are recognised in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless the payments to the lessor are structured to increase in line with expected general inflation; in which case the payments related to the structured increases are recognised as incurred. Lease incentives received are recognised in profit and loss over the term of the lease as an integral part of the total lease expense.

Finance lease

Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability using the rate implicit in the lease. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Contingent rents are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Interest receivable and Interest payable

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable, finance charges on finance leases recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method, unwinding of the discount on provisions, and net foreign exchange losses that are recognised in the profit and loss account (see foreign currency accounting policy).

Other interest receivable and similar income include interest receivable on funds invested and net foreign exchange gains.

1.16 Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The following timing differences are not provided for: differences between accumulated depreciation and tax allowances for the cost of a fixed asset if and when all conditions for retaining the tax allowances have been met; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries, to the extent that it is not probable that they will reverse in the foreseeable future and the reporting entity is able to control the reversal of the timing difference. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that is it probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

2 Segmental information

5 Segmental information		
	2016	2015
•	Turnover	Turnover
	£'000	£′000
Congraphical destination:		
Geographical destination: UK	13,919	11,095
Rest of Europe	59,133	55,444
Rest of the World	16,100	-
rest of the world		12,873
	89,152	79,412
	-	
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		
	2016	2015
	£′000	£′000
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated		•
After charging		
Auditors' remuneration:		
Group:		
Audit of these financial statements	89 ·	45
Non-audit fees	-	-
Company:		
Audit of these financial statements	2	2
Depreciation of fixed assets	478	301
Amortisation of goodwill	1,841	1,841
Operating lease rentals – plant and machinery	8	3

In addition, non-recurring costs of £1,177,000 arose in respect of software upgrades and development (£485,000), property costs for moving to new offices (£242,000), the closure of the consulting business (£151,000), refinancing costs (£126,000), executive settlement costs (£99,000) and write-off of overseas investment £64,000).

Non-recurring costs in the prior year totalled £856,000 relating principally to refinancing costs, closure of the consulting business and executive settlement costs.

4 Remuneration of directors

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Directors' emoluments	472	498
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	9	7
Amounts paid to third parties in respect of directors' services	40	80
	521	585

The aggregate of emoluments of the highest paid director was £211,632 (2015: £243,703) and company pension contributions of £Nil (2015: £nil) were made to a money purchase scheme on their behalf. Contributions to money purchase pension schemes were made for three directors.

5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the group (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

was as follows:		
	2016	2015
	No.	No.
Administration	49	42 .
Sales	153	152
	202	194
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	2016	2015
	£′000	£'000
Wages and salaries	10,733	10,309
Social security costs	1,422	1,249
Other pension costs	152	151
	12,307	11,709
6 Finance income and expense		
	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Interest payable and similar charges		
Bank interest and invoice finance costs	305	230
Bank loans	555	662
Secured loan notes	2,916	4,337
Amortisation of debt issue costs	318	317
Other bank fees		276
	4,094	5,822
Loss/(gain) on foreign exchange	522	(672)
Net interest payable	4,616	5,150

7 Taxation

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- Thursday change in year	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Current tax		
UK tax on income for the year	40	. =
Foreign Tax relief/other relief	(40)	-
Overseas tax	378	464
Total current tax	378	464
Deferred tax		
Movement in deferred tax for the year	(56)	(23)
Adjustment in respect of prior years	(2)	· · ·
Effect of tax rate change	14	· -
	(44)	(23)
Tax on (loss)/ profit on ordinary activities	334	441

The current tax charge for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015: 21%). The differences are explained below:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Current tax reconciliation		
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(7,358)	(7,135)
Current tax at 20% (2015: 21%)	(1,472)	(1,498)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	169	28
Goodwill amortisation not deductible for tax purposes	373	371
Other timing differences – no deferred tax recognised	-	313
Adjustment in respect of prior years	(2)	-
Income not taxable	(68)	(256)
Overseas tax	265	224
Interest disallowed under ATCA agreement with HMRC	597	649
Change in tax rates	14	- -
Losses carried forward – no deferred tax recognised	458	610
Total tax charge (see above)	334	441

Reductions in the UK corporation tax rate from 20% to 19% (effective from 1 April 2017) and 18% (effective from 1 April 2020) were substantively enacted on 26 October 2015. A further reduction to the UK corporation tax rate was announced in the 2016 Budget to further reduce the tax rate to 17% (to be effective from 1 April 2020). This will reduce the company's future current tax charge accordingly. There are no other factors that may significantly impact the future tax charge.

8 Intangible fixed assets

	Goodwill £'000
Group	
Cost	
At beginning and end of year	36,863
Amortisation	
At beginning of year	(6,907)
Charged in year	(1,841)
At end of year	(8,748)
Net book value	
At 31 March 2016	28,115
At 31 March 2015	29,956

The directors consider acquisitions separately for the purpose of determining the amortisation period of any goodwill that arises. The goodwill is being amortised over a period of 20 years, being the directors' best estimate of its useful economic life.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment	Furniture & office equipment	Total
Group	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost			
At beginning of year	767	366	1,133
Additions	429	699	1,128
Disposals	(552)	(236)	(788)
At end of year	644	829	1,473
Depreciation			:
At beginning of year	255	174	429
Charge for year	390	88	478
Disposals	(357)	(193)	(550)
At end of year	289	69	357
Net book value			
At 31 March 2016	356	760	1,116
At 31 March 2015	512	192	704
At 31 March 2013	312	172	704
			

10 Fixed asset investments - Company

	Shares in
	group
	undertaking
	£'000
Cost at beginning and end of year	228
Provision at beginning and end of year	(228)
Net book value at end of year	

The company's subsidiary undertakings at the year-end are as follows:

	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Direct/ Indirect	Class and percentage of shares held in Company
Subsidiary undertakings	• -			
Red Commerce Limited	England & Wales	IT staffing	Indirect	Ordinary 100%
Red Commerce GmbH	Germany '	IT staffing	Indirect	Ordinary 100%
Rouge Commerce AB	Sweden	IT staffing	Indirect	Ordinary 100%
Rouge 1 Limited	England & Wales	Holding company	Indirect	Ordinary 100%
Rouge 2 Limited	England & Wales	Holding company	Indirect	Ordinary 100%
Red Bidco Limited	England & Wales	Holding company	Indirect	Ordinary 100%
Red Midco Limited	England & Wales	Holding company	Direct	Ordinary 100%
Red Commerce Schweiz GmbH	Switzerland	IT staffing	Indirect	Ordinary 100%
Red Commerce Inc	USA	IT staffing	Indirect	Ordinary 100%
Red Commerce Consultoria E Recrutamento LTDA	Brazil	IT staffing	Indirect	Ordinary 100%

11 Debtors		•		
•	Group	Company	Group	Company
	2016	2016	2015	2015
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Trade debtors	18,247	•	15,990	_
Other debtors	510	2	347	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,510	-	2,517	-
Deferred tax	126	-	82	-
Corporation tax	-	51	-	51
Amounts due from Subsidiary Companies		15		15
	21,393	68	18,936	66

Deferred tax principally relates to differences between depreciation and capital allowances.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2016 £'000	Company 2016 £'000	Group 2015 £'000	Company 2015 £'000
Invoice finance	4,234	-	4,255	-
Trade creditors	9,098	-	7,768	-
Taxation and social security	520	-	508	-
Accruals and deferred income	4,927	-	4,705	-
Other creditors	23	-	144	-
Bank loans	7,895	-	210	-
Corporation tax payable	391	-	254	-
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertaking		723		592
	27,088	723	17,844	592

Bank loans due within one year are shown net of £260,000 unamortised loan arrangement fees which will be expensed in the next year.

The invoice discounting facility is secured on the trade receivables.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2016 £'000	Company 2016 £'000	Group 2015 £'000	Company 2015 £'000
Bank loans	· •	<u>-</u>	4,837	<u>-</u>
Loan notes	49,524	2,434	46,708	<u>2,515</u>
	49,524	2,434	51,545	2,515

Prior to the year end the Company commenced an exercise to refinance the HSBC invoice discounting facility as well as the HSBC term loans held in the intermediary parent company Red Bidco Limited. The exercise was completed in August 2016 and a new £25m invoice discount facility was agreed with Bank Leumi ABL Limited. The loan with HSBC was repaid in full and is shown within creditors due within 1 year.

During the year Red Commerce UK Limited, an indirect subsidiary of the company, received a short term working capital loan from the ultimate controlling party, Dunedin Capital Partners. The loan attracts annual interest of 8% and is expected to be repaid within 1 year of the aforementioned refinance arrangement.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

Ana	lvsis	of	debt:

Allalysis of debt.				
	Group	Company	Group	Company
	2016	2016	2015	2015
	£	£	£	£
Debt can be analysed as falling due:				
In one year or less, or on demand	7,895	•	210	-
Between one and two years	•	-	210	-
Between two and five years	49,524	2,434	51,335	2,515
Over five years		<u> </u>		
	57,419	2,434	51,755	2,515
Unamortised loan fee	628	<u> </u>	945	
Total debt [®]	58,047	2,434	52,700	2,515

The Group has issued £36.3million Secured Eurobond loan notes which initially incurred interest at rates between 10% and 15% per annum. Interest charges on the loan notes were reduced to 8% from 1 April 2015 and following amendments to the loan notes terms on 1 April 2016 the interest charge was reduced to 0%. Interest may be rolled up annually. At the balance sheet date cumulative rolled up interest totalled £10.8 million (2015: £7.9million). The loan notes are redeemable at par on 31 December 2018, although this has been extended to 31 December 2019 since the year end. The loan notes are secured by debentures given by the Company and its subsidiary companies. £28.8million of the loan notes ("The A loan notes) are listed on the Channel Islands Stock Exchange.

Unsecured Management Loan notes bear interest at the rate of 8% to 12% per annum. The loan notes are redeemable at par on 31 December 2018.

14 Called up share capital

•	2016 £′000	2015 £'000
Authorised:	•	
Equity:		
203,599 'A' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	20	20
14,902 'B' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	1	1
95,547 'C' ordinary shares of £1.00 each	96	96
22,950 'D' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	2	2
10,000 'G' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	1	1
4,081 'Red 1' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	1	. 1
4,452 'Red 2' ordinary shares of £1.00 each	4_	4
	125	125
Allested collection and followed	125	125
Allotted, called up and fully paid Equity:		
203,599 'A' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	20	20
14,902 'B' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	1	1
95,547 'C' ordinary shares of £1.00 each	96	96
22,950 'D' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	2	2
8,130 'G' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	1	1
4,081 `Red 1' ordinary shares of £0.10 each	1	1
4,452 'Red 2' ordinary shares of £1.00 each	4_	4
	425	125
	125	125

15 Reserves

The share premium account represents the excess of the value of shares issued over their nominal value.

During the previous year the Company set up an ESOP trust to hold shares to be allocated to employees. Since inception it has acquired shares from both employees who left the group and from Dunedin Buyout Fund II L.P. (which had acquired the shares from employees who had left the group before the establishment of the ESOP trust) and it has also sold shares to certain employees. The net consideration paid as at 31 March 2016 was £45,000 and this balance is held with the "Own shares held" reserve within shareholders' funds. The number of shares within the ESOP trust were 200,294 (2015: 192,230)

16 Operating leases

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

	Group 2016 £'000	Group 2015 £'000	Company 2016 £'000	Company 2015 £'000
Operating leases which expire:				
Less than one year	673	439	-	-
Between one and five years	2,074	240	-	-
More than five years	2,032		-	-
	4,779	679	<u> </u>	-

During the year £570k was recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account in respect of operating leases (2015: £797k)

17 Pension scheme

The group operates a group personal pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the group to the scheme and amounted to £152,000 (2015: £150,604).

18 Ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party

Red Topco Limited is the ultimate parent company of its group and the highest level at which consolidated financial statements are prepared. The ultimate controlling party is Dunedin Capital Partners (GPII) Ltd, being the administrator of the investment fund which holds a controlling stake in Red Topco Limited.

19 Related party transactions

During the period, the group paid fees to Dunedin LLP of £40,000 (2015: £80,000) for the services of one director. This amount is included in directors' remuneration in note 4. The amount outstanding at the period end was £nil (2015: £nil).

Transactions with key management personnel

Total compensation of key management personnel in the year amounted to £521k (2015:£585k).

Management loan notes and accrued interest outstanding at the year-end amounted to £2,433,037 (2015: £2,515,207)

20 Contingent liabilities

The company has provided a charge over all its assets to the group's bankers as security against amounts owed to the bank. At 31 March 2016 amounts owed totalled £9.5m (2015: £9.9m).

The company has guaranteed loan notes issued by Red Midco Limited. At 31 March 2016 amounts owed under the loan notes totalled £47.1m (2015: £44.6m).

21 Cash and cash equivalents/ bank overdrafts

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts	919 (4,234)	2,735 (4,255)
Cash and cash equivalents per cash flow statements	(3,315)	(1,520)

22 Accounting estimates and judgements

Trade debtors

In its determination of the valuation of trade debtors, including the allowance for doubtful accounts, management relies on current customer information, which include customer creditworthiness and past experiences, and its planned course of action. If future collections differ from estimates, future earnings could be affected.

Goodwill

In its determination of the valuation of goodwill, management relies on the forecast trading performance and outlook of its subsidiary undertakings. If actual performance differs from estimates, future earnings could be affected.

Impairment reviews

The testing of goodwill for impairment is determined by cash flow projections and assumptions applied to growth rates and discount rates.

FRS 102 requires management to review goodwill for impairment whenever there is an indicator of impairment. Impairment testing requires management to judge whether the carrying value of assets can be supported by the net present value (npv) of future cash flows that they generate. Calculating the npv of the future cash flows requires assumptions to be made in respect of highly uncertain matters including management's expectations of:

- Growth in EBITDA;
- Long term growth rates; and
- Appropriate discount rates to reflect the risks involved

Management prepares three year forecasts for the Group's operations, which are used to estimate values in use.

23 Transition to FRS 102

As stated in note 1, these are the Group's and Company's first financial statements prepared in accordance with FRS 102. The accounting policies set out in note 1 have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 and the comparative information presented in these financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Group

In preparing its FRS 102 balance sheet, the Group has adjusted amounts reported previously in financial statements prepared in accordance with its old basis of accounting (UK GAAP). An explanation of how the transition from UK GAAP to FRS 102 has affected the Group's financial position and financial performance is set out in the following tables.

Reconciliation of loss for 31 March 2015

	Note	Adopted UK GAAP £000	Effect of transition to FRS 102 £000	FRS 102 £000
Turnover		79,412	. 2000	79,412
Cost of sales		(61,680)	<u>.</u>	(61,680)
Gross profit	•	17,732	-	17,732
Administrative expenses		(19,691)	(26)	(19,717)
Group Operating loss	-	(1,959)	(26)	(1,985)
Interest payable and similar charges		(5,150)	-	(5,150)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(7,109)	(26)	(7,135)
Taxation		(441)	-	(441)
Profit for the year	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(7,550)	(26)	(7,576)
Reconciliation of Equity at 01 April 2014				Group
Equity Shareholders funds at 1 April 2014 under previous UK GAAP				£'000 (9,458)
Holiday Accrual			·	(14)
Equity Shareholders funds at 1 April 2014 under FRS102			_	(9,472)
Reconciliation of Equity at 31 March 2015				Group
			•	£'000
Equity Shareholders funds at 31 March 2015 under previous UK GAAP				(17,019)
Holiday Accrual			_	(40)
Equity Shareholders funds at 31 March 2015				(17,059)

There was no impact on the Company's profit/loss or net assets on transition.

under FRS102