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DNAE DIAGNOSTICS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019



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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Results

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £26,330,579 (2018 - loss £31,298,621).

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

K H Tan

C Toumazou

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Post balance sheet events

Since 31 December 2019, the spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In many countries, businesses are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Global stock markets have also experienced great volatility and a significant weakening. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilise economic conditions.

COVID-19 resulted in the Group's offices in London and Carlsbad being closed for a period of time. In both locations staff worked from home whenever possible. The offices in Carlsbad have since reopened based on strict social distancing rules being applied resulting in staff partly working from home and partly from the Group's premises. London staff will work from home and in rented lab space until the move to the new premises at Scale Space is completed.

The directors have determined that these events are non-adjusting subsequent events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations as of and for the year ended 31 December 2019 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the Group and the company for future periods.

On 20 March 2020, the amounts owed to related parties of £16m as disclosed in note 14 have been refinanced on similar terms for one additional year.

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 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, including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'). 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 and profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

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

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Going concern basis

The directors have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. In assessing whether the going concern assumption is appropriate, the directors have taken into account all relevant available information about the future.

As part of the assessment, management have received confirmation from the parent company, DNAe Group Holdings Limited, that they it will continue to support the company for at least the next twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Management of DNAe Group Holdings Limited have prepared forecasts to 31 December 2021 on a group basis, which include forecasts for the company, and the effect of Covid 19 and the necessity to manage operations along Government guidelines going forward.

DNAe Group Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, including DNAe Diagnostics Limited, is currently in the development phase of its business lifecycle and as is common with many research and development businesses, requires significant investment to fund its ongoing development. As with any business in the development phase, the expected timing of achievement of development milestones is difficult to predict and thereby preparing reliable forecasts is inherently uncertain.

At 31 December 2019 the Group headed by DNAe Group Holdings Limited had consolidated net liabilities of £111m and had made a consolidated loss of £35m for the year, due to on-going expenditure on research and development. DNAe Group Holdings Limited's activities have been funded to date in 2020 through cashflows under the Barda contract, royalty revenues and further loans from its majority shareholder and ultimate parent, Genting Berhad, a listed Malaysian company. Following a review of milestones achieved during the second stage the contract with Barda, Barda confirmed in June 2020 funding for the third stage making \$13.9m available to the Group. In addition, although discussions with potential strategic partners and investors were paused during Q2 2020 due to Covid-19, it is the intention of management of DNAe Group Holdings Limited to re-engage with these relationships and broaden the fundraising activities from Q4 2020. Given the track record the Group has of raising funds and its continuing efforts to develop relationships with potential strategic partners and investors, management are confident that the fundraising will be successful.

The Group headed by DNAe Group Holdings Limited has £122m of loans due to DNAe Group Holdings Limited's direct parent company, Edith Grove Limited, and associated company, Dragasac Limited, which are due for repayment over the next 12 months. It is the expectation of the parent company's directors' that either the repayment date will be extended, refinanced or repaid from proceeds of new investment. However, nothing has been agreed as at the date of approval of the financial statements.

In the absence of sufficient new investment being raised by the parent company over the next 12 months, the Group is reliant on funding from the ultimate parent company Genting Berhad. As part of their going concern assessment, management of DNAe Group Holdings Limited have obtained a letter of financial support. However, as in prior years, this does not cover the period of 12 months from date of approval of these financial statements. As at the date of approval of these financial statements the directors of the parent company have no reason to believe Genting Berhad will not continue to provide financial support as required for 12 months, however there can be no certainty that the financial support will continue.

The directors have concluded that the combination of these circumstances represent a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore, that it may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the ordinary course of business. Nevertheless, after making enquiries and considering the uncertainties described above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate financial resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DNAE DIAGNOSTICS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of DNAe Diagnostics Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2019, which comprise the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of changes in equity 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the company 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

The impact of macro-economic uncertainties on our audit

Our audit of the financial statements requires us to obtain an understanding of all relevant uncertainties, including those arising as a consequence of the effects of macro-economic uncertainties such as Covid-19 and Brexit. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors and the related disclosures and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the company's future prospects and performance.

Covid-19 and Brexit are amongst the most significant economic events currently faced by the UK, and at the date of this report their effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty, with the full range of possible outcomes and their impacts unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to these uncertainties when assessing the company's future prospects and performance. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a company associated with these particular events.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors confirm that:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Small companies note

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on

14/12/2020

and signed on its behalf.

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C Toumazou

Director



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DNAE DIAGNOSTICS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Matter on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies
 regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' report and
 from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, 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.

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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DNAE DIAGNOSTICS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to note 2.3 in the financial statements. For the year ended 31 December the company incurred a loss of £26,330,579 and as of that date the company's current liabilities exceeded its total assets by £107,065,418. As stated in note 2.3, these events or conditions, along with the other matters as set forth in note 2.3, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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.

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 Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Administrative expenses		(20,708,468)	(28,844,028)
Exceptional charge - provision against inter-company balance		(2,077,825)	-
Operating loss	4	(22,786,293)	(28,844,028)
Interest payable and expenses	7	(5,092,551)	(3,049,037)
Loss before tax		(27,878,844)	(31,893,065)
Tax on loss .	8	1,548,265	594,444
Loss for the financial year		(26,330,579)	(31,298,621)
Total comprehensive income for the year		(26,330,579)	(31,298,621)

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2019 or 2018 other than those included in the statement of comprehensive income.

The notes on pages 12 to 24 form part of these financial statements.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DNAE DIAGNOSTICS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

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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Senior Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants

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14/12/2020

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2019	100	(80,734,939)	(80,734,839)
Loss for the year	-	(26,330,579)	(26,330,579)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(26,330,579)	(26,330,579)
At 31 December 2019	100	(107,065,518)	(107,065,418)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2018	100	(49,436,318)	(49,436,218)
Loss for the year	-	(31,298,621)	(31,298,621)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(31,298,621)	(31,298,621)
At 31 December 2018	100	(80,734,939)	(80,734,839)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note		2019 £		2018 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	10		131,403		55,484
Tangible assets	11		653,884		762,841
			785,287		818,325
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	12	4,156,924		4,392,905	
Cash at bank and in hand	13	183,125		4,013,629	
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		4,340,049		8,406,534	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(112,190,754)		(89,959,698)	
Net current liabilities			(107,850,705)		(81,553,164)
Total assets less current liabilities			(107,065,418)		(80,734,839)
Net liabilities			(107,065,418)		(80,734,839)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	16		100		100
Profit and loss account	15		(107,065,518)		(80,734,939)
			(107,065,418)		(80,734,839)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 14/12/2020

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C Toumazou

Director

The notes on pages 12 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Going concern

The directors have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. In assessing whether the going concern assumption is appropriate, the directors have taken into account all relevant available information about the future.

As part of the assessment, management have received confirmation from the parent company, DNAe Group Holdings Limited, that they it will continue to support the company for at least the next twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Management of DNAe Group Holdings Limited have prepared forecasts to 31 December 2021 on a group basis, which include forecasts for the company, and the effect of Covid 19 and the necessity to manage operations along Government guidelines going forward.

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The directors have concluded that the combination of these circumstances represent a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore, that it may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the ordinary course of business. Nevertheless, after making enquiries and considering the uncertainties described above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1. General information

DNAe Diagnostics Limited is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales. Its registered head office is located at Ugli Campus Block C, 56 Wood Lane, London, W12 7SB.

The principal activity of DNAe Diagnostics Limited is research and experimental development on biotechnology.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Financial Reporting Standard 101 - reduced disclosure exemptions

In preparing these financial statements the company has taken advantage of all disclosure exemptions conferred by FRS 101. Therefore these financial statements do not include:

- · A statement of cash flows and related notes
- The requirements of IAS 24 related party disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered in to between two or more members of the group as they are wholly owned within the group
- · Presentation of comparative reconciliation's for property, plant and equipment,
- · Disclosure of key management personnel compensation
- · Capital management disclosures
- Presentation of comparative reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and at the end of the period
- The effect of future accounting standards not adopted
- Disclosures in respect of financial instruments

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Research and development costs

Expenditure on research (or the research phase of an internal project) is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Costs that are directly attributable to the development phase of new customised technologies are recognised as intangible assets provided they meet the following recognition requirements:

- completion of the intangible asset is technically feasible so that it will be available for use or sale;
- the company intends to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it;
- the company has the ability to use or sell the intangible asset;
- the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits. Among other things, this requires that there is a market for the output from the intangible asset or for the intangible asset itself, or, if it is to be used internally, the asset will be used in generating such benefits;
- there are adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the intangible asset; and
- the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development can be measured reliably.

Development costs not meeting the criteria for capitalisation are expensed as incurred.

2.7 Debtors

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

2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

2.9 Financial instruments

The company recognises financial instruments when it becomes a party to the contractual arrangements of the instrument. Financial instruments are de-recognised when they are discharged or when the contractual terms expire. The company's accounting policies in respect of financial instruments transactions are explained below:

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value.

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either fair value or amortised cost, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Fair value through profit or loss

All of the company's financial assets are subsequently measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses being recognised in profit or loss to the extent they are not part of a designated hedging relationship. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Going concern (continued)

financial resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

2.4 Intangible assets

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

Intangible assets are amortised on a straight line basis over their useful economic life of 20 years.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets

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

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

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

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Lab Equipment

- 3 years straight line

Fixtures and fittings

- 3 years straight line

Computer equipment

- 3 years straight line

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

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

The company's functional and presentational currency is GBP.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Statement of comprehensive income within 'finance income or costs'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Statement of comprehensive income within 'other operating income'.

2.12 Finance costs

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

2.13 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income using the effective interest method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Financial instruments (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

The company always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables and amounts due on contracts with customers. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated based on the company's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate. Lifetime ECL represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

Financial liabilities

Fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities are classified as at fair value through profit or loss, when the financial liability is held for trading, or is designated as at fair value through profit or loss. This designation may be made if such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise, or the financial liability forms part of a group of financial instruments which is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, or the financial liability forms part of a contract containing one or more embedded derivatives, and IFRS 9 permits the entire combined contract to be designated as at fair value through profit or loss. Any gains or losses arising on changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

At amortised cost

Financial liabilities which are neither contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination, held for trading, nor designated as at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or where appropriate a shorter period, to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

2.10 Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers.

Creditors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

4. Operating loss

The operating loss is stated after charging:

	2019 £	2018 f
Research & development charged as an expense	8,929,131	9,435,533
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	444,133	295,625
Amortisation of intangible assets, including goodwill	5,496	2,016
Exchange differences	(410,611)	2,307,274
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5. Auditors' remuneration

The audit fee was borne by the parent company.

6. Employees

The company has no employees other than the directors, who did not received any remuneration (2018: £Nil).

The directors are remunerated through DNAe Group Holdings Limited.

7. Interest payable and similar expenses

		£	£
	Other loan interest payable	392,042	362,130
	Loans from group undertakings	4,700,509	2,686,907
	·	5,092,551	3,049,037
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8.	Taxation		
		2019	2018
	Corporation tax	£	£
	Research and development tax credit	(686,698)	(702,567)
	Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(861,567)	108,123
		(1,548,265)	(594,444)
	Total current tax	(1,548,265)	(594,444)

2018

2019

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Taxation

Tax is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the company operates and generates income.

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

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

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

2.15 Exceptional items

Exceptional items are transactions that fall within the ordinary activities of the company but are presented separately due to their size or incidence.

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

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgments and estimates. The items in the financial statements where these judgments and estimates have been made include:

Development costs

Management consider whether any development costs meet the criteria for capitalisation as intangible assets and make judgments as part of this process.

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10. Intangible assets

	Patents, Trademarks & Other IP rights £
Cost	
At 1 January 2019	57,682
Additions	81,415
At 31 December 2019	139,097
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2019	2,198
Charge for the year	5,496
At 31 December 2019	7,694
Net book value	
At 31 December 2019	131,403
At 31 December 2018	55,484
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Amortisation on intangible assets is charged to admin expenses.

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8. Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2018 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018 - 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £	2018 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(27,878,844)	(31,893,065)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018: 19%) Effects of:	(5,296,980)	(6,059,683)
Deferred tax not recognised	2,783,997	4,903,336
Adjustment closing deferred tax to average rate of 19%	1,871,409	1,534,088
Adjustment opening deferred tax to average rate of 19%	(1,543,102)	(957,225)
Research and Development Tax credits	(686,698)	(702,567)
Expenses not deductible	1,640,145	579,484
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(861,567)	108,123
Group relief	544,531	-
Total tax charge for the year	(1,548,265)	(594,444)

Factors that may affect future tax charges

In the Spring Budget 2020, The Government announced that from 1st April 2020 the corporation tax rate would remain at 19% (rather than reducing to 17%, as previously enacted). This new law was substantively enacted on 17th March 2020. As the proposal to keep the rate at 19% had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, its effects are not included in these financial statements.

The Company has tax losses of £92.7m (2018: £76.7m) and fixed asset differences of £0.9m (2018: £0.4m) for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised due to uncertainty over future recoverability. The unrecognised deferred tax asset is £15.9m (2018: £13.1m).

9. Exceptional items

2019 £	2018 £
2,077,825	-
2,077,825	-
	£ 2,077,825

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13.	Cash and cash equivalents		
		2019 £	2018 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	183,125	4,013,629
14.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2019 £	2018 £
	Bank loan	25,040,318	25,042,762
	Trade creditors	771,564	503,649
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	70,156,580	49,254,296
	Amounts owed to related parties	16,089,669	14,493,294
	Accruals and deferred income	132,623	665,697
		112,190,754	89,959,698

Amounts owed to group undertakings are repayable on demand and attract interest at 5%.

The bank loan is repayable on demand and attracts interest at 1.55%

Amounts owed to related parties were due for repayment in March 2020 and have an effective interest rate of 10%.

15. Reserves

Profit and loss account

Profit and loss account includes all current and prior year retained profits and losses.

16. Share capital

	2019	2018
	£	£
Shares classified as equity		
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
100 (2018 - 100) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	100	100

There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on dividends and the repayment of capital.

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·	Lab Fixtures and	Compu

		Lab Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
	Cost or valuation				•
	At 1 January 2019	1,126,130	•	76,728	1,202,858
	Additions	333,213	2,210	-	335,423
	Disposals	(967)	-	•	(967)
	At 31 December 2019	1,458,376	2,210	76,728	1,537,314
	Depreciation				
	At 1 January 2019	429,901	-	10,116	440,017
	Charge for the year on owned assets	418,691	532	24,910	444,133
	Disposals	(720)	-	-	(720)
	At 31 December 2019	847,872	532	35,026	883,430
	Net book value				
	At 31 December 2019	610,504	1,678	41,702	653,884
	At 31 December 2018	696,229		66,612	762,841
12.	Debtors				
				2019 £	2018 £
	Amounts owed by group undertakings			663,201	3,438,911
	VAT			1,137,405	192,119
	Prepayments and accrued income		•	105,485	59,308
	Research and development tax credit receiva	ble		2,250,833	702,567
				4,156,924	4,392,905

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17. Related party transactions

At the year end £16,089,669 (2018: £14,493,294) was owed to Edith Grove Limited, a related party by virtue of its majority shareholding in the company's parent undertaking, DNAe Group Holdings Limited. Further details are given in note 14.

18. Post balance sheet events

Since 31 December 2019, the spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In many countries, businesses are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Global stock markets have also experienced great volatility and a significant weakening. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilise economic conditions.

COVID-19 resulted in the Group's offices in London and Carlsbad being closed for a period of time. In both locations staff worked from home whenever possible. The offices in Carlsbad have since reopened based on strict social distancing rules being applied resulting in staff partly working from home and partly from the Group's premises. London staff will work from home and in rented lab space until the move to the new premises at Scale Space is completed.

The directors have determined that these events are non-adjusting subsequent events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations as of and for the year ended 31 December 2019 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the Group and the company for future periods.

On 20 March 2020, the amounts owed to related parties of £16m as disclosed in note 14 have been refinanced on similar terms for one additional year.

19. Controlling party

The directors consider that the ultimate controlling party is Genting Berhad, a listed Malaysian group, due to that company's indirect interest in the preference shares of the immediate parent company, DNAe Group Holdings Limited, outstanding at the year end.