

**Maplin Electronics Limited**

**Directors' report and financial  
statements**

**Registered number 1264385**

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## **Directors and Company information**

### **Directors**

K Pacey  
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J R Codling  
C M Masterson  
M C Lin  
P E Heath  
S C Lynas  
S B Milner  
C Webb  
E M Smith  
L A Saunders  
S J Roach

### **Bankers**

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### **Auditors**

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## Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the 53 week period ended 1 January 2011. Note this period is one week longer than the period covered by the prior year financial statements.

### Principal activities of the company

The principal activity of Maplin Electronics Limited is the retail of electronic and electrical products. The business operates through three channels, namely retail outlets, internet and mail order, the latter servicing both the consumer and business markets. The Maplin Electronics Catalogue is the market leading publication of its kind.

### Review of the business and future developments

The business continued to focus on customer service, delivering better customer solutions and in so doing growing the average transaction value. Average transaction value grew on a like for like basis in stores by 2.9% and by 2.6% across the company as a whole. In addition the company continued to drive operational efficiencies via strong cost control. The result of this focus and the continued strategy to expand the store network has been to deliver operating profit of £35.5m (2009 £35.1m).

Trading performance was reasonable in the context of a very difficult retail environment, with total sales increasing to £213.1m (2009 £203.7m). In addition to the 53<sup>rd</sup> week that contributed £5.2m of sales, new store openings more than compensated for the like for like decline in the existing store network and internet / mail order channels.

The store network delivered total sales 6% ahead of the prior year (2009 1.1% ahead), however as a result of the decline in the footfall on the high street like for like sales in the stores were 3.5% behind (2009 5% behind). The expansion of the store network continued with the successful opening of 14 (2009 12) new stores. The store opening programme is set to continue in 2011 with the planned opening of a further 15 new stores.

The business continued to implement a strategy of ongoing improvement to the interactive internet site ([www.maplin.co.uk](http://www.maplin.co.uk)), despite this sales fell by 3.8% (2009 7.9% behind) in the face of lower consumer confidence and tough competition. The internet channel is very mature having been transactional for over ten years, but is highly leveraged and a very profitable channel for the business. Work will continue to develop the site and the ecommerce offer.

The mail order business finished the period with sales 23.6% behind (2009 11.6% behind). The number of mail order transactions continued to decline, as a result of the increasing area covered by the expanding store network and the gradual shift in the way people choose to shop, in addition to the generally more difficult consumer environment.

The biggest risk to the business in the foreseeable future remains a continued downturn in consumer spending which would impact on the planned sales growth. However the company is extremely well positioned to withstand a continued downturn owing to its high return on sales and excellent cash generation, which enables it to continue investing in the business and growing the store network. Risks of interest rate increases and exchange rate fluctuations have been mitigated through the hedging strategies that have been implemented.

At the reporting date the Company had cash at bank of £46.4m (2009 £35.7m). These funds were principally generated through operations and are net of the significant amount of cash proceeds from operating activities that was reinvested back into the business with spends on the continued expansion of the store network, infrastructure and repayments of the group finance facilities in excess of that scheduled.

The Company has processes and procedures in place to ensure compliance with all relevant environmental duties and regulations.

### Dividends

No dividends are proposed (2009 £nil).

### Policy and practice on payment of creditors

The Company recognises the importance of maintaining good business relationships with its suppliers and aims to pay all invoices within agreed terms. At the year end there were 28 days (2009 16 days) purchases in trade creditors.

## Directors' report *(continued)*

### Overseas branches

The Company continued during the period to source products through its overseas branch in Taiwan and through Maplin Electronics (HK) Limited, its subsidiary in Hong Kong and China

### Key performance indicators

The Company has a number of key performance indicators, both financial and non-financial, that are used to manage the business

	1 January 2011	26 December 2009
Debtor days	30	33
Stock days	115	115
Core Stock Availability	93.7%	92%
EBITDA	18.6%	19.4%

### Directors and directors' interests

The directors who served during the period were as follows

K Pacey	
D I Whittle	
D O'Reilly	
S C Lynas	
S B Milner	
C Webb	
J R Codling	
C M Masterson	
M C Lin	
P E Heath	(appointed 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2010)
E M Smith	(appointed 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2010)
L A Saunders	(appointed 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2010)
S J Roach	(appointed 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2010)

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Maplin Electronics (Holdings) Limited whose parent Company is Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Ltd

### Employees

It is the board's policy to pursue open communication with employees and, to this end, regular meetings are held with management to convey information about the business

The Company gives full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by disabled persons, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. Systems are in place to prevent discrimination. Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Company's policy, wherever practicable, to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development opportunities where appropriate.

### Political and charitable contributions

The Company made charitable donations of £5,100 (2009 £16,100) and no political donations (2009 £nil) during the period. Charitable support was given locally to The Barnsley Hospice.

### Disclosure 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 auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

## Directors' report *(continued)*

### Auditors

In accordance with Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

By order of the board

K Pacey  
Director



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21 March 2011

## **Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the directors' report and the financial statements**

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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 company and of the 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 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, and
- 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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### **Independent auditor's report to the members of Maplin Electronics Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Maplin Electronics Limited for the 53 week period ended 1 January 2011 set out on pages 8 to 23. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in 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 5, 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 (APB'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 APB's website at [www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm](http://www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm)

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 1 January 2011 and of its profit for the period 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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

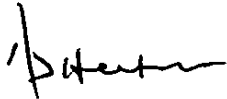


**Independent auditor's report to the members of Maplin Electronics Limited  
(continued)**

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit



**DJ Hutchinson (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor**

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21 March 2011

## Profit and Loss Account

for the 53 week period ended 1 January 2011

	Note	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £000
Turnover	2	213,123	203,687
Cost of sales		(101,348)	(95,743)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>111,775</b>	<b>107,944</b>
Distribution costs		(29,161)	(26,617)
Administrative expenses		(47,715)	(46,619)
Other operating income		561	429
<b>Operating profit</b>	3	<b>35,460</b>	<b>35,137</b>
Other interest receivable and similar income	6	266	357
Interest payable	7	(17)	(26)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>35,709</b>	<b>35,468</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(10,441)	(9,788)
<b>Profit for the financial period</b>	20	<b>25,268</b>	<b>25,680</b>

There are no recognised gains and losses other than the profit for the financial period stated above. The profit is derived entirely from continuing operations.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial period stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

**Balance Sheet**  
*as at 1 January 2011*

	Note	1 January 2011		26 December 2009	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	9		27,313		27,837
Investments	10		17		17
			<u>27,330</u>		<u>27,854</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	11	31,080		27,771	
Debtors	12	102,497		78,521	
Cash at bank and in hand		46,372		35,661	
		<u>179,949</u>		<u>141,953</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	(79,266)		(67,225)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>100,683</u>		<u>74,728</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>128,013</u>		<u>102,582</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	14	(131)		(123)	
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>	16	(1,445)		(1,290)	
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>126,437</u>		<u>101,169</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	19	420		420	
Share premium	20	429		429	
Profit and loss account	20	125,588		100,320	
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>			<u>126,437</u>		<u>101,169</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 21 March 2011 and were signed on its behalf by

K Pacey  
Director



D I Whittle  
Director



**Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds**  
*for the 53 week period ended 1 January 2011*

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £'000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £'000
<b>Profit for the financial period</b>	<b>25,268</b>	<b>25,680</b>
<b>Addition to shareholders' funds</b>	<b>25,268</b>	<b>25,680</b>
Opening shareholders' funds	101,169	75,489
<b>Closing shareholders' funds</b>	<b>126,437</b>	<b>101,169</b>

## Notes to the financial statements

(forming part of the financial statements)

### 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements, except as noted below

#### *Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom, modified to include the revaluation of certain land and buildings. The Company has applied the transitional rules contained in FRS 15 'Tangible Fixed Assets' to retain previous valuations as the basis on which these assets are held.

The Company is exempt by virtue of s408 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties). The consolidated financial statements of Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited, within which this Company is included, can be obtained from Brookfields Way, Manvers, Wath-upon-Deane, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S63 5DL.

#### *Depreciation of tangible fixed assets*

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold buildings	- 2% per annum
Long leasehold property and improvements	- shorter of the break clause or end of lease term
Short leasehold property and improvements	- shorter of the break clause or end of lease term
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	- 15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Internet	- 33% on cost

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

#### *Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction or at hedged rates, where applicable. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the period end rates or hedged rates, where applicable. All exchange differences thus arising are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

#### *Post retirement benefits*

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Taxation*

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the period and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred tax is recognised without discounting in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed at the balance sheet date except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

#### *Classification of financial instruments issued by the Company*

Financial instruments issued by the Company are treated as equity (i.e. forming part of shareholders' funds) only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- a) they include no contractual obligations upon the Company 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 Company, and
- b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the Company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the Company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the Company's 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 Company'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.

Finance payments associated with financial liabilities are dealt with as part of interest payable and similar charges. Finance payments associated with financial instruments that are classified as part of shareholders' funds (see dividends policy), are dealt with as appropriations in the reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds.

Fees attributable to the raising of finance are deducted from the amount of the finance and then released as a finance cost in the profit and loss account over the duration of the financial instrument.

#### *Stocks*

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In determining the cost of raw materials, consumables and goods purchased for resale, the weighted average purchase price is used. Cost comprises purchase price and all other directly attributable costs.

#### *Leases*

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease. Incentives from lessors are recognised as a systematic reduction in the charge to the profit and loss account over the shorter of the lease term, period to first lease break, or period to first rent review.

#### *Cash*

Cash comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts payable on demand.

#### *Provisions*

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, where it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and where a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of obligation.

## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Long term incentive plans*

The Company operates long term incentive plans for certain key executives under which amounts are receivable upon the sale of the Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited ("MEGH") Company. These plans are not linked to the underlying value upon sale, and are therefore treated in accordance with the provisions of FRS 12 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*.

#### *Turnover*

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of goods and services to third party customers less discounts and any provisions for returns. Sales are recognised on despatch.

### 2 Turnover

	Total turnover	
	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £'000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £'000
By activity		
Direct business	21,266	22,691
Stores	191,857	180,996
	<u>213,123</u>	<u>203,687</u>
By destination		
United Kingdom	203,873	193,186
Other	9,250	10,501
	<u>213,123</u>	<u>203,687</u>
By origin		
United Kingdom	203,791	193,285
Other	9,332	10,402
	<u>213,123</u>	<u>203,687</u>

## Notes (continued)

### 3 Operating profit

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £'000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities is stated after charging/ (crediting)		
Depreciation of owned assets	4,126	4,141
Depreciation of asset held under finance leases	74	129
(Profit) / Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(11)	24
Operating lease costs – land and buildings	17,549	16,094
Operating lease costs - other	178	177
Hire of plant and machinery	58	34
Losses / (Gains) on foreign exchange	104	(1,056)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

#### Auditors' remuneration

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £000
Amounts receivable by the auditors and their associates in respect of		
Audit of these financial statements	64	66
Other services relating to taxation	26	30
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 4 Remuneration of Directors

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £'000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £'000
Emoluments	1,059	1,267
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Company contributions paid or accrued to money purchase pension schemes	66	59
Company contributions to defined benefit pension schemes	6	4
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors as follows

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011	52 week period ended 26 December 2009
Members of money purchase pension schemes	8	5
Defined benefit schemes	1	1
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	£'000	£'000
The amounts in respect of the highest paid director are as follows		
Emoluments	231	289
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Company pension contributions of £Nil (2009 £Nil) were made to a money purchase scheme on his behalf



## Notes (continued)

### 4 Remuneration of Directors (continued)

#### *Discretionary executive bonus plan*

The Company operates long term incentive plans for certain key executives under which amounts are receivable upon the sale of the Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited ("MEGH") company. These plans are not linked to the underlying value upon sale, and are therefore treated in accordance with the provisions of FRS 12 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*.

The charge included in operating profit for the period ended 1 January 2011 in respect of this plan is £nil as a trigger event relating to the potential sale of the business has not taken place either during the period, nor since the end of the period.

### 5 Staff numbers and costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £'000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £'000
Wages and salaries	28,696	27,812
Social security costs	2,228	2,180
Other pension costs	198	330
	<u>31,122</u>	<u>30,322</u>

The average number of full time equivalents employed by the Company (including directors) during the period, analysed by category, was as follows

	Number of full time equivalents	
	53 week period ended 1 January 2011	52 week period ended 26 December 2009
UK & Ireland	1,703	1,658
Taiwan	11	12
	<u>1,714</u>	<u>1,670</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company (including directors) during the period, analysed by category, was as follows

	Number of employees	
	53 week period ended 1 January 2011	52 week period ended 26 December 2009
UK & Ireland	2,144	2,057
Taiwan	11	12
	<u>2,155</u>	<u>2,069</u>

**Notes (continued)**

**6 Interest receivable**

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £'000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £'000
Bank interest receivable from Group banking arrangements	266	357

**7 Interest payable**

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £'000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £'000
Bank overdraft	1	6
Interest on finance leases / other interest paid	16	20
	17	26

**8 Taxation**

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011		52 week period ended 26 December 2009	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<i>Analysis of charge in period</i>				
<i>UK corporation tax</i>				
Current tax on income for the period	9,476		9,558	
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	446		82	
		9,922		9,640
<i>Foreign tax</i>				
Current tax on income for the period	328		351	
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(27)		(203)	
		301		148
Total current tax		10,223		9,788
<i>Deferred tax</i>				
Origination / reversal of timing differences	226		-	
Effect of increased / decreased tax rate	(8)		-	
		218		-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		10,441		9,788

## Notes (continued)

### 8 Taxation (continued)

#### *Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period*

The current tax charge for the period is higher (2009 lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2009 28%). The differences are explained below

	53 week period ended 1 January 2011 £'000	52 week period ended 26 December 2009 £'000
<i>Current tax reconciliation</i>		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	35,709	35,468
Current tax at 28% (2009 28%)	9,999	9,931
<i>Effects of</i>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes (primarily non qualifying depreciation)	474	473
Fixed asset timing differences	(537)	(594)
Short term timing differences	(120)	99
Overseas tax not at standard rate	(12)	-
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	419	(121)
Total current tax charge (see above)	10,223	9,788

#### *Factors affecting the tax charge for the future periods*

The Emergency Budget on 22 June 2010 announced that the UK corporation tax rate will reduce from 28% to 24% over a period of 4 years from 2011. The first reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 28% to 27% was substantively enacted on 20th July 2010 and will be effective from 1 April 2011. The announced reduction will reduce the company's future current tax charge, although not by a significant amount.

## Notes (continued)

### 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Leasehold property and improvements £'000	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment £'000	Computer equipment and motor vehicles £'000	Total £'000
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
At beginning of period	1,848	29,762	14,817	6,349	52,776
Additions	-	2,467	950	289	3,706
Overseas assets retranslation	-	-	5	5	10
Disposals	-	(17)	(15)	(119)	(151)
At end of period	1,848	32,212	15,757	6,524	56,341
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At beginning of period	681	11,222	7,696	5,340	24,939
Charge for the period	35	2,414	1,129	622	4,200
Overseas assets retranslation	-	-	4	1	5
Disposals	-	(17)	(11)	(88)	(116)
At end of period	716	13,619	8,818	5,875	29,028
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 1 January 2011	1,132	18,593	6,939	649	27,313
At 26 December 2009	1,167	18,540	7,121	1,009	27,837

The net book amount of fixed assets at 1 January 2011 includes an amount of £216,107 (2009 £268,085) in respect of assets held under finance leases. The related depreciation charge for the period was £122,738 (2009 £128,649).

Leasehold property includes a long lease with a net book value at 1 January 2011 of £132,417 (2009 £135,495).

Included in leasehold property, furniture and fittings and computer equipment is £451,991, £137,186 and £12,029 respectively (2009 Leasehold property £799,057, Furniture and fittings £172,241 and Computer equipment £106,414) for additions relating to assets not yet in use against which no depreciation has been charged.

Included in freehold land and buildings is freehold land with a net book value of £90,000 (2009 £90,000), which is not depreciated.

## Notes (continued)

### 10 Investments

					Investment in subsidiaries £'000
At 1 January 2011 and 26 December 2009					17
<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Country of Incorporation</i>	<i>Holding</i>	<i>Proportion held</i>	<i>Activity</i>	
Maplin Electronics (HK) Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary shares	100%	Buying, sourcing quality control and shipping of products	

### 11 Stock

	1 January 2011 £'000	26 December 2009 £'000
Finished goods and goods held for resale	31,080	27,771

### 12 Debtors

	1 January 2011 £'000	26 December 2009 £'000
Trade debtors	556	878
Amounts due from group undertakings	95,166	71,223
Corporation tax recoverable	206	60
Other debtors	57	84
Prepayments and accrued income	6,512	6,276
	102,497	78,521

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1 January 2011 £'000	26 December 2009 £'000
Payments on account	338	383
Trade creditors	10,699	7,920
Accruals and deferred income	13,351	14,633
Group relief payable	50,462	40,934
Overseas taxation	20	72
Taxation and social security	4,306	3,188
Amounts payable under finance leases	90	95
	79,266	67,225

## Notes (continued)

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	1 January 2011 £'000	26 December 2009 £'000
Amounts payable under finance leases	131	123

### 15 Financial instruments

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are liquidity risk, credit risk and foreign exchange risk

#### *Liquidity risk*

Cash resources are largely and normally generated through operations. The Company's policy is to maintain a balance of funds sufficient to meet anticipated short term and long term financial requirements.

#### *Credit risk*

Management has a credit policy in place whereby risk is managed through an ongoing review of exposure to credit risk.

#### *Foreign exchange risk*

The Company is exposed to foreign currency risk on sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than sterling. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily HK Dollars, US Dollars, New Taiwan Dollars and Euros.

The Company's policy is to cover significant foreign currency commitments in respect of HK Dollar and US Dollar trade payables by using a mixture of forward foreign currency contracts and options.

#### *Effective interest rates and maturity of liabilities*

	Fixed or variable rate	Effective Interest rate %	Total £'000	1 year or less £'000	1 – 2 years £'000	2 – 5 years £'000
Cash and cash equivalents	Variable	0.5	46,372	46,372	-	-
Finance lease liabilities	Fixed	5.4	(221)	(90)	(69)	(62)
			46,151	46,282	(69)	(62)

**Notes (continued)**

**16 Provisions for liabilities and charges**

	Property provisions	Taxation including deferred taxation	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
At beginning of period	1,290	-	1,290
Charge in the period	263	218	481
Utilised in the period	(326)	-	(326)
At end of period	<u>1,227</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>1,445</u>

The property provisions relate to a dilapidation provision and an onerous lease provision

The elements of deferred taxation are as follows

	1 January 2011 £'000	26 December 2009 £'000
Difference between accumulated depreciation and amortisation and capital allowances	306	-
Other timing differences	(88)	-
Undiscounted provision	<u>218</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred tax asset	(88)	-
Deferred tax liability	306	-
	<u>218</u>	<u>-</u>

The Company has an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £nil (2009 £10,000)

**17 Commitments**

- (a) Capital commitments at the end of the financial period, for which no provision has been made, are as follows

	1 January 2011 £'000	26 December 2009 £'000
Contracted	<u>190</u>	<u>189</u>

## Notes (continued)

- (b) As at the period end the Company has annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

	Other		Land and buildings	
	1 January 2011	26 December 2009	1 January 2011	26 December 2009
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Operating leases which expire				
Within one year	-	44	490	67
In two to five years	115	83	2,197	1,781
In over five years	-	-	15,502	14,602
	<u>115</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>18,189</u>	<u>16,450</u>

## 18 Related party guarantees

The ultimate parent undertaking, Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited, has loans outstanding at the year end which are secured on the assets of the group. At 1 January 2011, these loans amounted to £69m (2009 £88m)

## 19 Share capital

	1 January 2011		26 December 2009	
	No	£'000	No	£'000
Allotted, called up and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	70,000	70	70,000	70
Redeemable ordinary shares of £1 each	350,000	350	350,000	350
	<u>420,000</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>420,000</u>	<u>420</u>

The redeemable ordinary shares of £1 nominal value rank pari passu with the ordinary shares, except that the redeemable ordinary shares may be redeemed at par at the option of either the Company or the holder at any time

## 20 Share premium and reserves

	Share premium	Profit and loss account
	£'000	£'000
At beginning of period	429	100,320
Profit for the financial period	-	25,268
	<u>429</u>	<u>125,588</u>



**Notes (continued)**

**21 Pension scheme**

Maplin Electronics Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited, is the sponsoring employer of The Maplin Electronics Group Personal Pension Scheme, a defined contribution money purchase scheme. Of the pension cost charge for the period £173,000 (2009 £160,000), represents contributions payable by the group into the defined contribution scheme.

The Taiwan branch of Maplin Electronics Limited is the sponsoring employer of a defined benefit pension scheme which currently has a fund deficit of £19,000, for which provision has been made within Accruals and deferred income. The charge for the period represents contributions payable by the Group to the fund, as well as a provision towards the estimated deficit of the scheme, which together amounted to a charge of £24,000 (2009 £170,000). The prior year figure included a one off top up contribution to eliminate the fund deficit that existed at the date of the last actuarial valuation (31 December 2008).

**22 Ultimate parent company and parent undertaking of larger group of which the company is a member**

The ultimate controlling party is Montagu Private Equity LLP as a result of the size of their shareholding in Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited.

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of Maplin Electronics (Holdings) Limited.

The smallest and largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Maplin Electronics Group (Holdings) Limited. The consolidated accounts of this Company are available to the public from the registered office.