# **Lindab Limited**

**Report and Financial Statements** 

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## **Directors**

I T Robertson M J Goodspeed C-G Nilsson P A M Nilsson

## Secretary

Goodwille Limited

### **Auditors**

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# **Registered Office**

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# **Directors' report**

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year amounted to £423,000 (2010 – loss of £518,000) The directors do not recommend a final dividend (2010 – £nil)

# Principal activities and review of the business

The company is principally engaged in the manufacture and distribution of steel ducting, associated fittings and other sheet metal products. Its products are distinguished by their high quality, ease of assembly, energy efficiency and environmentally friendly design

Lindab Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lindab AB which is listed on Stockholm's stock exchange Details of the group review of the year is available on <a href="https://www.lindabgroup.com">www.lindabgroup.com</a>. The group has a strong financial position and is committed to the development of Lindab Limited in the UK market

The majority of the company's customers are other distributors, installation companies and building contractors in the construction industry. The products that the company distributes are mainly for commercial buildings with a smaller proportion sold to the residential construction market. Lindab Limited has a market leading position within the supply of circular ventilation products with an unrivalled national distribution network.

The general economic downturn and uncertainty in the financial markets continued to negatively affect demand for Lindab's products throughout 2011. The effect of the sharp decrease in new construction within the non residential market segment had a major impact on the turnover. Total turnover amounted to £50,723,000 (2010 £47,137,000). The company managed to maintain the gross profit margin at 29%. The important national distribution network is kept intact and all possible measures were taken to cut cost without affecting customer value or distribution capability. In this way the company safeguards a reasonable profitability through the current tough market conditions without sacrificing future opportunity for growth

# Outlook for 2012, risks and opportunities

Lindab is dependent on the market conditions for the construction industry and investments in commercial and public buildings. In light of the analysis from Euroconstruct for the UK Construction Industry we anticipate market conditions for 2012 to continue to be severely affected by the low level in investments that will lead to a historically comparable low level in demand. Improved building regulations and legislation within the energy efficiency area, already implemented and planned, will favour Lindab's products in the mid to long term. The directors are mindful of the impact of the credit crunch on the construction industry, the impact of which is likely to continue to affect 2012 and an improvement is not likely until the latter part of 2012. This is due to Lindab's products not being needed until the end of a construction project, during the time the building is fitted out and systems commissioned.

Lindab is dependent on the supply of steel and so the price of steel has a direct impact on the company's cost of goods sold. The price of steel increased during 2012 due to higher demand globally but continues to fluctuate significantly. New significant increases are predicted for the first half of 2012. The increase in fuel prices is a long term risk factor due to the proportion of freight cost to product value increasing due to the nature of the products imported from, mainly Lindab Group manufacturing facilities in, Scandinavia and Czech Republic. A further deterioration in the availability and cost of credit to companies could have a negative impact on Lindab with increased risk of bad debt. However, management carefully maintain the debtor book and only provide credit on agreed terms.

# Directors' report (continued)

### Going concern

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its' future performance and its financial position, are described above

The company has strong financial resources and well-established relationships with a wide network of customers across the UK resulting in a strong market presence. Further the company operates within a strong global group that provides further security for the operation. As a consequence, the directors believe that the company is well placed to successfully manage its business risks in a challenging mark environment.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly they continue to adopt the going concern basis for preparing the annual report and accounts

## Disabled employees

The company's policies for recruitment, training, career development and promotion of employees are based on the suitability of the individual and give those who are disabled equal treatment with the ablebodied. Where appropriate, employees disabled after joining the company are given suitable training for employment with the company or elsewhere

### **Employee involvement**

During the year the policy of providing employees with information about the company has been continued. The directors are committed to the involvement of all employees in matters affecting performance of the company.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows

C-G Nilsson

IT Robertson

M J Goodspeed

N-J E Andersson

(resigned 4 July 2011)

P A M Nilsson

(appointed 7 July 2011)

#### Disclosure of information to the auditors

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the company's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

#### **Auditors**

Ernst & Young LLP offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

On behalf of the Board

M J Goodspeed

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Director

# Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the 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 proper 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.

# Independent auditors' report

to the members of Lindab Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Lindab Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, and the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes 1 to 19 The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

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

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

# Independent auditors' report

to the members of Lindab Limited

# 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

Fraser Bull (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP (Statutory Auditor)

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# **Profit and loss account**

for the year ended 31 December 2011

		2011	2010
	Notes	£000	£000
Turnover Cost of sales	2	50,723 (35,994)	47,137 (33,011)
Gross profit		14,729	14,126
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		(448) (13,053)	(676) (13,046)
Operating profit Interest payable and similar charges	3 6	1,228 (117)	404 (608)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation Tax	7	1,111 (688)	(204) (314)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		423	(518)

All results relate to continuing activities

# Statement of total recognised gains and losses

for the year ended 31 December 2011

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit of £423,000 attributable to the shareholders for the year ended 31 December 2011 (2010 – loss of £518,000)

# **Balance sheet**

at 31 December 2011

	Notes	2011 £000	2010 £000
Fixed assets	140163	2000	2000
Investments	8	_	2,789
Intangible assets	9	14,110	15,046
Tangible assets	10	2,186	2,529
		16,296	20,364
Current assets			
Stocks	11	4,148	4,109
Debtors	12	15,748	16,177
Cash at bank and in hand		2,101	139
		21,997	20,425
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(6,110)	(23,917)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		15,887	(3,492)
Total assets less current assets/(liabilities)		32,183	16,872
Provisions for liabilities	14	(338)	(450)
Net assets		31,845	16,422
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	16	16,525	16,525
Capital contribution	17	25,000	10,000
Profit and loss account	17	(9,680)	(10,103)
Shareholders' funds	17	31,845	16,422

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on **§ 4 SEP 2012** and were signed on its behalf by

M J Goodspeed Director

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at 31 December 2011

# 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Lindab AB, incorporated in Sweden, the company is exempt from preparing group financial statements under s400 of the Companies Act 2006. These financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### Statement of cash flows

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 1 (revised) from including a statement of cash flows in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its parent publishes group financial statements

#### Goodwill

Positive goodwill arising on acquisitions is capitalised, classified as an asset on the balance sheet and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful economic life up to a presumed maximum of 20 years. It is reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

### Tangible fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value based on prices prevailing at the date of acquisition of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows

Freehold land and buildings – twenty-five years
Short leasehold improvements – period of lease
Plant, machinery, fixtures and equipment – five to ten years
Motor vehicles – five years

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable

#### Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that the company obtains the right to consideration in exchange for its performance. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding discounts, rebates and VAT. Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer, usually on dispatch of the goods.

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less any further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal

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# Accounting policies (continued)

#### Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exceptions

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely
than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying
timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date

All differences are taken to the profit and loss account

### Operating lease agreements

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term

#### Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme Contributions are charged in the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme. The assets of the scheme are administered by Trustees in a fund independent from those of the company

### 2 Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company in the ordinary course of business with outside customers for goods supplied as a principal and for services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts

Turnover is attributable to the manufacture and distribution of steel ducting and associated fittings and other steel metal products within the UK

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# 3. Operating loss

This is stated after charging

		2011	2010
		£000	£000
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services	40	36
	<ul> <li>taxation services</li> </ul>	22	24
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets	556	596
	Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	936	936
	Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	1,512	1,837
	<ul><li>plant and machinery</li><li>vehicles</li></ul>	1 605	9 658
	- venicles Net loss on foreign currency translation	115	17
	Net 1035 on foreign currency maintainers		
4.	Directors' emoluments		
		2011	2010
		£000	£000
	Emoluments	261	232
	Emoluments	261	
	Emoluments  Value of company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	32	232 ———————————————————————————————————
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		32	31

The highest paid director received remuneration of £134,468 (2010 – £118,920)

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5.	Staff costs		
		2011	2010
		£000	£000
	Wages and salaries	7,054	6,753
	Social security costs	680	664
	Staff pension contributions	192	240
		7,926	7,657
	The monthly average number of employees during the year was as follows		
		No	No
	Production staff	43	42
	Warehouse staff	113	104
	Administrative staff	128	141
		284	287
6	Interest payable and similar charges		
•	interest payable and similar sharges	2011	2010
		£000	£000
	Bank interest payable	1	54
	Interest payable to parent company	116	554
		117	608
7.	Тах		
••	(a) Tax on profit and loss on ordinary activities		
	The tax charge is made up as follows		
		2011	2010
		£000	£000
	Current tax	2000	2000
	UK corporation tax on the profit/(loss) for the year	_	-
	Total current tax (note 7(b))		_
	Deferred tax	-	
	Origination and reversal of timing differences Effect of changes in tax rate on opening asset	(657) (31)	(314) -
	Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	(688)	(314)
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# 7. Tax (continued)

## (b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26 5%% (2010 -28%) The differences are explained below

- 28%) The differences are explained below		
	2011	2010
	£000	£000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	1,111	(204)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26 5 % (2010 – 28%)	294	(57)
Effects of Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Depreciation in excess of capital allowances Utilisation of brought forward losses Short term timing differences	302 (51) (544) (1)	329 (42) (227) (3)
Total current tax (note 7(a))		
(c) Deferred tax		
The deferred taxation asset recognised in the financial statements is as follows		
	2011	2010
	£000	£000
At 1 January Profit and loss account Adjustments in respect of prior years	1,708 (690) 2	2,022 (355) 41
At 31 December	1,020	1,708
The deferred tax asset recognised in the financial statements consists of	2011 £000	2010 £000
Depreciation in advance of capital allowances/		
(capital allowances in advance of depreciation) Tax losses available	131 876	51 1642
Other timing differences	13	15
	1,020	1,708
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On 22 June 2010 the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a number of corporate tax reforms effective from 1 April 2011. This included the reduction in mainstream rate of UK corporation tax from 28% to 24% over a period of 4 years, beginning 1 April 2011 and a proposed reduction in the main and special rate of capital allowances to 18% and 8% respectively for accounting periods ending after April 2012.

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# 7. Tax (continued)

The reduction in the rate of corporation tax to 27% was substantively enacted on 21 July 2010 Subsequently, on 23 March 2011 the UK Chancellor made an announcement to further reduce the rate of corporation tax to 26% from April 2011, to 25% from April 2012 and ultimately to 23% from April 2014 The reductions to 26% and 25% were substantively enacted during the year, as were the reduction in the main and special rates of capital allowances to 18% and 8% respectively Deferred tax has therefore been provided at 27% for the year ended 31 December 2010 and 25% at 31 December 2011 The further reductions to 24% and 23% had not been substantively enacted at the year end and therefore are not reflected in these financial statements

It is likely that the company will have a lower UK effective tax rate on future profits

#### 8. Investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings

	Shares in subsidiary undertaking
	£000
Cost less amounts provided At 1 January 2011	2,789
Provided during the year	(2,789)
At 31 December 2011	

Subsidiary undertakings

The company holds 100% of the voting rights in the following wholly owned subsidiary undertakings at 31 December 2011

Company Principal activity

CCL Lindab Limited Non trading

The company is incorporated in England and Wales. The company ceased trading in 2007 when the business transferred to Lindab Limited.

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9.	Intangible fixed assets

	£000
Cost At 1 January 2011	18,709
Amortisation At 1 January 2011 Charge for the year	3,663 936
At 31 December 2011	4,598
Net book value At 31 December 2011	14,110

# 10. Tangible fixed assets

At 1 January 2011

			Plant,		
	Freehold	Leasehold	machinery,		
	land and	improve-	fixtures and	Motor	
	buildings	ments	equipment	vehicles	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost				22	10.000
At 1 January 2011	53	1,255	11,504	27	12,839
Additions	_	19	207	_	226
Disposals	<del></del>	_	(55)	=	(55)
At 31 December 2011	53	1,274	11,656	27	13,010
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2011	26	545	9,712	27	10,310
Provided during the year	2	105	449		556
Disposals	_	-	(42)	_	(42)
At 31 December 2011	28	650	10,119	27	10,824
Net book value At 31 December 2011	25	624	1,537	_	2,186
At 51 December 2011				<del></del>	
At 1 January 2011	27	710	1,792		2,529

Goodwill

15,046

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11.	Stocks		
		2011	2010
		£000	£000
		2000	******
	Raw materials	185	260
	Finished goods	3,963	3,849
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		4,148	4,109
40	Debtors		
12.	Deptors	2011	2010
		£000	£000
	Trade debtors	13,705	13,490
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	61	92
	Other debtors	_	9
	Prepayments and accrued income	962	878
	Deferred tax asset (see note 7(c))	1,020	1,708
		-	
		15,748	16,177
13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	_	2011	2010
		£000	£000
	Bank overdraft	_	246
	Trade creditors	4,867	4,561
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	78	15,341
	Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	_	2,789
	Other taxation and social security	584	387
	Other creditors	34	47
	Accruals and deferred income	547	546
		6,110	23,917

The bank overdraft is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company and all property and assets present and future

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### 14. Provisions for liabilities

	Restructuring £000
At 1 January 2011 Utilised during the year Charged in the year	450 (112) -
At 31 December 2011	338

## Restructuring provision

With the acquisition of CCL Veloduct Limited (now CCL Lindab Limited) a restructuring was undertaken within the two companies. This included the closure of certain depots with related redundancy, lease commitments, fixed asset write offs, as well as some head office restructuring costs. The majority of the costs were incurred during 2007. Some of the lease obligations extend beyond 2011 and represent the majority of the remaining balance. These will be utilised over the next 1-5 years.

### 15. Other financial commitments

At 31 December 2011 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

			2011		2010
		Land and		Land and	
		buildings	Other	buildings	Other
		£000	£000	£000	£000
	Operating leases which expire				
	Within one year	126	66	175	116
	In two to five years	693	396	886	328
	In over five years	894	_	647	_
		1,713	462	1,708	444
16.	Issued share capital				
			2011		2010
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	No	£000	No	£000
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	16,525,000	16,525	16,525,000	16,525
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### 17 Reconciliation of shareholders' funds and movements on reserves

				Total share-
	Share	Capital	Profit and	holders'
	capıtal	contribution	loss account	funds
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2010	16,525	10,000	(9,585)	16,940
Loss for the year	_	-	(518)	(518)
At 1 January 2011	16,525	10,000	(10,103)	16,422
Profit for the year	_	-	423	423
Capital contribution	water.	15,000	_	15,000
At 31 December 2011	16,525	25,000	(9,680)	31,845
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A capital contribution of £15,000,000 was received on 31 March 2011 from the parent company

## 18 Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Lindab AB, the company is exempt from the requirements of FRS 8 to disclose transactions with other members of the group headed by Lindab AB

## 19. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Lindab AB, a company incorporated in the Sweden

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Lindab International AB, a company incorporated in the Sweden

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is Lindab International AB, a company incorporated in the Sweden The consolidated financial statements of this group are available to the public and may be obtained from Lindab International AB, Jarnvasgatan 41, Grevie Bastad, Sweden 269-82